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**CALL TO ORDER**

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. (all times Eastern)

**ATTENDANCE**

Attending the meeting were:

Officers: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Arvin Vohra (Vice-Chair), Alicia Mattson (Secretary), Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

At-Large Representatives: Sam Goldstein, Daniel Hayes, Joshua Katz, Bill Redpath, Starchild (arrived at 1:32 p.m. during the Audit Committee Report)

Regional Representatives: Caryn Ann Harlos (Region 1), Ed Marsh (Region 2), Brett Bittner (Region 3), Jeff Hewitt (Region 4 – arrived during the credentials/paperwork check), Jim Lark (Region 5), David Demarest (Region 6), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7), Patrick McKnight (Region 8)

Regional Alternates: Steve Nekhaila (Region 2), Ken Moellman (Region 3), Aaron Starr (Region 4), Trent Somes (Region 5), Larry Sharpe (Region 8 – arrived at 10:45 a.m.)

Staff & Contractors: Wes Benedict (Executive Director), Robert Kraus (Operations Director), Carla Howell (Political Director), Lauren Daugherty, Bob Johnston

Not attending the meeting were: Steve Nielson (Region 1 Alternate), Sean O'Toole (Region 6 Alternate), Danny Bedwell (Region 7 Alternate)

The gallery contained several attendees in addition to those listed above.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT AND PAPERWORK CHECK**

The Secretary noted that she was notified on August 31, 2016 that Region 8 selected Larry Sharpe to fill the regional alternate vacancy.

## AGENDA ADOPTION

Starting from the Chair's proposed agenda, the following amendments were made without objection:

Mr. Redpath moved to add 10 minutes under New Business Without Previous Notice to discuss a loan to the Libertarian Party of Virginia for 2017 ballot access.

Without objection, Ms. Harlos withdrew the agenda item for a resolution on marijuana.

At Mr. Katz's request the agenda item to discuss messaging strategy was moved from the working lunch agenda and instead allocated 5 minutes under New Business Without Previous Notice.

Mr. Goldstein moved to add 10 minutes prior to Regional Reports for scheduling the next 2 LNC meetings.

Ms. Mattson requested 5 minutes under New Business Without Previous Notice to hear a report on the #ReRegister campaign.

In the absence of Starchild, Ms. Mattson requested 5 minutes under New Business Without Previous Notice for discussion of his motion submitted by email regarding Liberty Links.

Without objection, the following agenda was adopted as amended:

### Housekeeping

Adoption of Agenda	10 minutes
Report of Potential Conflicts of Interest (Mattson)	3 minutes

### Officer Reports

Chair's Report (Sarwark)	15 minutes
Treasurer's Report (Hagan)	15 minutes
Secretary's Report (Mattson)	15 minutes

### Staff Reports

45 minutes

### Counsel's Report

30 minutes

### Report from the Gary Johnson Campaign (Nielson)

30 minutes

### Working Lunch

90 minutes

- LNC Mandate/Mission Workshop (Sharpe)
- Strategy to prevent membership decline in 2017 (Goldstein)
- Discussion of recounts and responding to news cycle events (Starchild)

### Reports of Committees

Audit Committee	30 minutes
Affiliate Support Committee	15 minutes
Awards Committee	5 minutes
Convention Oversight Committee	20 minutes
Employment Policy & Compensation Committee	5 minutes
Ballot Access Committee	30 minutes

### Adoption of 2017 Budget

90 minutes

### Reports of Committees (continued)

IT Committee (including website update)	40 minutes
Platform Committee	5 minutes
Bylaws Committee	5 minutes
Credentials Committee	5 minutes

**Adoption of 2017 Budget (continued)** 30 minutes

**New Business with Previous Notice**

Motion on Committee Transparency (Harlos)	15 minutes
Motions to Create Candidate and Campaign Support Committees (Katz)	15 minutes
Motion to Create a Fundraising/Membership Committee (Hayes)	15 minutes
Motion to Create an Affinity Group Support Committee (Hayes)	15 minutes
Motion for Committee to Review 2016 Campaign (Somes)	15 minutes
Consideration of Truth in Polling Resolution (Harlos)	10 minutes
Direction to Staff Regarding Appointments (Katz)	10 minutes
Amend Policy Manual Regarding Report Timing (Harlos)	5 minutes
Motion to Adopt a Standard Slogan (Harlos)	5 minutes

**New Business Without Previous Notice**

2017 Ballot Access Loan to Libertarian Party of Virginia (Redpath)	10 minutes
Messaging Strategy (Katz)	5 minutes
Report on #ReRegister Campaign	5 minutes
Liberty Links (Starchild)	5 minutes

**Schedule Next Two LNC Meetings**

10 minutes

**Regional Reports** (supplements to printed reports)

5 minutes each

Announcements

10 minutes

Public Comments

10 minutes

**Time-Certain Items**

Sunday morning call-to-order

9:00 a.m.

## ***REPORTS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST***

The Secretary had distributed a listing of the potential conflicts of interest which had been submitted to her. The following updates were reported during the meeting:

Mr. Hagan, Mr. McKnight, and Ms. Bilyeu are no longer candidates for public office. Ms. Bilyeu also has completed her work on behalf of the Mark Miller campaign in Texas. Mr. Somes is no longer the Chair of the Libertarian Youth Caucus.

## ***OFFICER REPORTS***

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sarwark had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix A). He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. No LNC action was taken.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Financial reports had been distributed to the LNC in advance. Mr. Hagan supplemented with an oral report.

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

Mr. Hagan moved to spend \$207,500 as an extra principal payment on the mortgage for our headquarters building. Mr. Redpath moved to postpone the motion until adoption of the budget. Following debate, the motion to postpone was adopted by a show of hands with a vote total of 9-5.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Mattson had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix B) and supplemented with an oral report.

Ms. Mattson moved to adopt draft version 2 of the May 2016 convention minutes. Following debate, without objection, Ms. Mattson withdrew the motion and will produce an updated version to be adopted by email ballot.

Ms. Mattson moved to adopt the July 17, 2016 LNC session minutes. Following debate, the motion was adopted by a show of hands with a 10-1 vote total.

## STAFF REPORT

Staff had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix C). Mr. Benedict supplemented with an oral presentation and fielded questions.

Mr. Goldstein made a motion; following amendment without objection the motion was to thank the Website Redevelopment Committee for getting the new website in place, and to allow the Executive Director to take over management of the website. Mr. Katz moved to postpone the motion until the IT Committee report. The postponement was adopted by a show of hands.

## COUNSEL'S REPORT

The LNC's special legal counsel, Oliver Hall was not yet present at the meeting, so without objection the agenda item was postponed until his arrival.

## REPORT FROM THE GARY JOHNSON CAMPAIGN

Staff had not yet reached Ron Nielson, campaign director for Gary Johnson, about speaking with the LNC by phone. Without objection the agenda item was postponed until a call could be arranged.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mark Frye, from the external auditor firm, was not yet present at the meeting, so without objection the agenda item was postponed until his arrival.

### AFFILIATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Daniel Hayes, as chair of the Affiliate Support Committee, had submitted a written report (see Appendix D) in advance. He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. No LNC action was taken.

Since Mr. Hayes' report addressed the #ReRegister campaign, without objection the later agenda item on that subject was removed.

## COUNSEL'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Oliver Hall having arrived, a written Counsel's Report was distributed (see Appendix E), and the LNC took up that previously postponed agenda item. Mr. Hall supplemented with an oral report on several of our ballot

access litigation successes and challenges, as well as potential future litigation opportunities. He and fielded questions.

Following an explanation by Mr. Hall, Mr. Goldstein moved to authorize our counsel to prepare an amicus brief to be filed with the Supreme Court of the United States in *Wilson v. Holder*.

Following debate, the vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 16-0.

Mr. Redpath moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters with our counsel. There was no objection, and the LNC entered executive session at 12:15 p.m. Scott Pettigrew and Tricia Sprankle participated in executive session for the portion regarding Ohio.

The LNC rose from executive session at 1:04 p.m.

Without objection the LNC took up the Audit Committee report during lunch because Mark Frye was present.

## *REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)*

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Julie Fox, as chair of the Audit Committee, joined the meeting by telephone. On behalf of the Audit Committee, Joe Buchman presented the Audit Committee report. The draft audited financial statements had been sent to the LNC by email. An Audit Committee report, a management letter from the auditing firm, and a board disclosure letter from the auditing firm were distributed to the LNC.

Mr. Hagan moved to amend the first sentence of Policy Manual section 2.03.5 as follows: "All expenditures over \$25 shall be evidenced by receipts."

Following debate, the vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bittner, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Vohra

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Demarest, Harlos, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Starchild

Abstaining: Redpath, Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote total of 5-10.

Mr. Katz moved to amend the financial statements to book a \$7,000 bonus ratified during the November 2015 LNC meeting in the 2015 financial statements rather than in 2014.

Following debate, the vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Demarest, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight

Voting "no": Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Vohra, Sarwark

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Harlos, Hewitt, Redpath, Starchild

The motion failed with a 5-5 tie.

## ***WORKING LUNCH***

Though the LNC had already had lunch during the Audit Committee report, the agenda section titled "Working Lunch" still needed to be addressed.

### **LNC MANDATE/MISSION WORKSHOP**

Mr. Sharpe presented a workshop titled "Mandate Setting". No LNC action was taken.

### **STRATEGY TO PREVENT MEMBERSHIP DECLINE IN 2017**

Mr. Goldstein requested to withdraw this agenda item and instead address it during consideration of the budget. There was no objection.

### **DISCUSSION OF RECOUNTS AND RESPONDING TO NEWS CYCLE**

Starchild discussed the publicity effect of the Green Party's recounts in the Presidential election, and he suggested assigning a committee the task of watching news cycles. No action was taken.

Since Ron Nielson was now available, without objection the LNC took up the Johnson campaign report.

## ***REPORT FROM THE GARY JOHNSON CAMPAIGN (CONTINUED)***

Mr. Nielson joined the meeting by teleconference to present a summary of the campaign experience, and he fielded questions. No LNC action was taken.

## ***REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)***

### **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Lark, as immediate past chair of the Awards Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix F). He supplemented with an oral report.

Ms. Harlos moved (as a grandfathering measure) to induct into the Hall of Liberty all who had received the Thomas Jefferson Award for lifetime achievement prior to 2012, when the Hall of Liberty was instituted to recognize lifetime achievement and the Jefferson Award was redefined to recognize outstanding leadership and character. The motion was adopted without objection; Dr. Lark and Mr. Redpath expressly abstained, as they are past recipients of the Jefferson Award.

### **CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

BetteRose Ryan, as immediate past chair of the Convention Oversight Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix G). On behalf of the 2016 committee, Ms. Mattson supplemented with an oral report.

Nominations were opened for the four LNC seats on the Convention Oversight Committee.

Mr. Moellman nominated Mr. Goldstein  
Mr. Katz nominated Starchild  
Ms. Harlos nominated Mr. Hayes

Mr. Hayes nominated Ms. Mattson  
Ms. Harlos nominated Mr. Demarest  
Mr. Hayes nominated Ms. Bilyeu

Mr. Vohra moved that the election be conducted with signed ballots. There was no objection. By a hand vote the LNC chose to use approval voting.

Mr. Somes and Mr. Nekhaila served as tellers and tabulated the ballots during the report of the Employment Policy & Compensation Committee.

## **EMPLOYMENT POLICY & COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (EPCC)**

Dr. Lark, as chair of the EPCC, had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix H). He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions. No LNC action was taken.

## **CONVENTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – ELECTION RESULTS**

The tellers report for election of the Convention Oversight Committee members were as follows:

With 17 ballots cast:

Mattson – 16  
Bilyeu – 15  
Hayes – 14  
Goldstein – 14  
Demarest – 10  
Starchild – 4  
Katz (write-in) – 1

Mattson, Bilyeu, Hayes, and Goldstein were elected as the top 4 having received a majority vote.

The signed ballots were cast as follows:

Bilyeu: Bilyeu, Demarest, Hayes, Mattson  
Demarest: Demarest, Goldstein, Mattson, Starchild  
Goldstein: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson  
Hagan: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson  
Harlos: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson, Starchild  
Hayes: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson  
Hewitt: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson  
Katz: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hayes, Katz, Mattson  
Lark: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson  
Marsh: Bilyeu, Demarest, Hayes, Mattson  
Mattson: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson  
McKnight: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Mattson  
Moellman: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson  
Redpath: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson  
Sarwark: Demarest, Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson, Starchild  
Starchild: Demarest, Starchild  
Vohra: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hayes, Mattson

## **BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Moellman, as chair of the Ballot Access Committee, had submitted a written report in advance (see Appendix I). He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions.

Scott Pettigrew, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Ohio, discussed the circumstances which resulted in that affiliate being deprived of party ballot status in 2016. He distributed a written plan for a petition drive to regain ballot access in 2018 and requested that the LNC budget \$100,000 (half of the total expected cost) towards that effort which has already begun.

## ***ADOPTION OF 2017 BUDGET***

Mr. Hagan had distributed a proposed budget in advance. He supplemented with an oral report and fielded questions.

Ms. Harlos moved to change tomorrow's scheduled start time from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. The motion failed by a show of hands. A motion to change the start time to 8:30 a.m. was adopted by a show of hands.

Mr. Hayes moved to enter executive session to review compensation details of the budget. The motion was adopted without objection, and the LNC entered executive session at 6:18 p.m.

The LNC arose from executive session at 6:58 p.m. and without objection adjourned until 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

## ***CALL TO ORDER***

Mr. Sarwark called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. on Sunday, December 11, 2016. Mr. Starr sat in for Mr. Hewitt until he arrived at 8:49 a.m. Starchild arrived at 9:00 a.m.

Since during public comments Dr. Lark noted that today is the 45<sup>th</sup> birthday of the founding of the Libertarian Party, the Secretary led the group in singing "Happy Birthday" to the Libertarian Party.

In the interests of time, Mr. Katz moved to remove all his remaining agenda items, those being: Motions to Create Candidate and Campaign Support Committees, Direction to Staff Regarding Appointments, and Messaging Strategy. There was no objection.

Ms. Harlos moved to schedule LNC appointments to the 2018 Bylaws and Rules Committee and also to the Platform Committee for the next regular LNC meeting. The motion was adopted by a show of hands.

Without objection, the agenda items were removed for reports of the Bylaws and Rules, Platform, and Credentials Committees.

Mr. Goldstein moved to reduce the time allocation for the IT Committee report from 40 minutes to 30 minutes. The motion was adopted by a show of hands.

## ***REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)***

### **IT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Moellman, as chair of the IT Committee, had submitted a written report in advance. He supplemented with an oral report to address progress and problems with implementation of the new website.

The LNC took up the motion postponed from yesterday to thank the Website Redevelopment Committee for getting the new website in place, and to allow the Executive Director to take over management of the website.

Starchild moved to amend to address restoring previous website content. Mr. Sarwark ruled the amendment out of order as not being germane to a motion identifying who is responsible for the website project going forward.



Following debate, the vote on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "no": Harlos

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 15-1.

Mr. Hayes moved that the LNC upgrade its Raiser's Edge software to the cloud-based version.

Following debate, the vote on the main motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Vohra

Voting "no": (none)

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Sarwark, Starchild

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 14-0.

Mr. Vohra moved that we create an archive.lp.org to house prior website content.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend to append to the end "[with staff having discretion over the content](#)". By a show of hands, the amendment failed in a 7-7 tie.

Following debate, the vote on the Vohra motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Vohra

Voting "no": Starchild

Abstaining: Harlos, Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 14-0.

### ***ADOPTION OF 2017 BUDGET (CONTINUED)***

Before formally taking up a main motion to adopt the 2017 budget, based on discussions which occurred earlier in the session, the draft budget was updated without objection to reflect the apparent consensus:

Expense line "70-BallotAccess Voter Reg & Related Exp" was increased from \$60,000 to \$130,000 in anticipation of ballot access drives for Ohio (\$100,000) and Arkansas (\$30,000).

Expense line "33-Membership Fundraising Costs" was increased by \$25,000 for membership retention projects.

Expense line "40-Administrative Costs" was increased by \$5,000 for upgrading Raiser's Edge to the cloud-based version.

Starchild moved to amend expense line “85-Member Communications Exp” from \$86,000 to \$170,000 to plan for 12 issues of LPNews rather than 6 issues, to direct that the issues be smaller, and also to give members the option of receiving electronic copies rather than paper copies. Mr. Sarwark ruled the motion as being out of order, as the LNC was still having informal discussions prior to taking up a formal motion on the budget.

Following additional discussion, the LNC took up a motion to adopt draft 7 of the 2017 budget with the three consensus changes noted above.

Without objection the LNC tabled the motion regarding adoption of the 2017 budget and allowed Mr. Goldstein to offer a motion first.

## ***2016 MORTGAGE PRINCIPAL PAYMENT***

Mr. Goldstein moved that the LNC in 2016 make an additional \$100,000 principal payment on the office mortgage.

Mr. Hagan moved to amend the Goldstein motion by striking \$100,000 and inserting \$150,000 in its place.

Following debate, the vote on the Hagan amendment was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Marsh, Mattson, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “no”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Hewitt, Katz, McKnight, Redpath, Sarwark

Abstaining: Lark

The Hagan amendment failed with a vote total of 8-8, leaving the main motion unchanged.

The vote on the Goldstein motion was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Sarwark, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “no”: Bittner, Hewitt, McKnight, Redpath

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-4.

## ***ADOPTION OF 2017 BUDGET (CONTINUED)***

Ms. Harlos moved to enter executive session to discuss legal matters pertaining to a bequest and the building fund. The motion failed on a show of hands.

Without objection the LNC took the 2017 budget motion from the table and continued.

Mr. Redpath moved that the so-called “Wiener rule” in Policy Manual Section 2.03.17 be ignored for 2017.

Mr. Katz raised a point of order that RONR, 11<sup>th</sup> ed., p. 18 (lines 23-25) specifies that rules that have application outside a meeting context cannot be suspended. Rather than rule on the point of order, the chair interpreted the Redpath motion as being to amend Policy Manual Section 2.03.17 to create an exception for 2017 (though specific amendment language was not provided).

The vote on the Redpath motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bittner, Hewitt, McKnight, Redpath

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion failed with a vote total of 4-12.

Mr. Hayes moved to amend expense line "85-Member Communications Exp" from \$82,800 to \$55,200 to plan for 4 issues of LPNews rather than 6 issues, and to correspondingly reduce revenue line "28-Membership Communications" from \$9,500 to \$6,200.

Following debate, the vote on the Hayes amendment was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bittner, Goldstein, Hayes, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight

Voting "no": Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Sarwark

The Hayes amendment failed with a vote total of 6-9.

Mr. Moellman moved to amend expense line "40-Administrative Costs" to reduce it by \$7,500 for savings opportunities he could identify in the IT infrastructure budget detail lines. There was no objection.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend the budget to add a proviso as follows:

In the event that year-to-date "Net Support Available for Programs" does not exceed \$350,000 on March 31, 2017 or does not exceed \$700,000 on June 30, 2017 the budget for Compensation shall be reduced by \$80,000.

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

Following debate, the vote on the Mattson proviso was as follows:

Voting "aye": Harlos, Katz, Mattson, Starchild

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath, Sarwark, Vohra

The Mattson proviso failed with a vote total of 4-13.

Mr. Sarwark resumed the gavel.

Mr. Goldstein moved to increase revenue line "27-BallotAccess Voter Reg Donations" from \$98,300 to \$150,000. This change would necessitate a \$1,400 increase in anticipated credit card processing fees in expense line "32-Fundraising Costs".

Following debate, the vote on the Goldstein amendment was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bittner, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Marsh, Redpath, Vohra

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Demarest, Hewitt, Lark, Mattson, Starchild

Abstaining: McKnight, Sarwark

The Goldstein amendment was adopted with a vote total of 9-6.

Ms. Mattson moved to amend to add the following proviso to the budget: "Ballot access encumbrances for 2017 may only be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee and the total expended shall not exceed the amount authorized in the budget."

Mr. Katz moved to amend the Mattson proviso to insert "or Ballot Access Committee" after "of the Executive Committee"

Following debate, the vote on the Katz amendment was as follows:

Voting "aye": Hagan, Katz, Marsh

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Mattson, McKnight, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Redpath, Sarwark

The Katz amendment to the Mattson proviso failed with a vote total of 3-12.

Following debate, the vote on the Mattson proviso was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild

Voting "no": Katz, Vohra

Abstaining: Sarwark

The Mattson proviso was adopted with a vote total of 14-2.

The vote on the main motion to adopt the 2017 budget as amended was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath, Vohra

Voting "no": Harlos, Katz, Mattson, Starchild

Abstaining: Sarwark

The main motion as amended was adopted with a vote total of 12-4, resulting in the 2017 budget shown below

	<b>2017 Budget Proposal</b>	<b>Amendments</b>	<b>2017 Budget As Amended</b>
Support and Revenue			
20-Membership Dues	526,300		526,300
21-Donations	204,400		204,400
22-Recurring Gifts	360,000		360,000
23-Board Solicitation Major Gifts	30,000		30,000
24-Convention Revenue	0		0
25-Project Program Revenue	64,000		64,000
26-Brand / Political Materials	30,000		30,000
27-Ballot Access Voter Reg Donations	98,300	51,700	150,000

28-Member Communications	9,500		9,500
29-Other Revenue & Offsets	0		0
Total Support & Revenue	1,322,500		1,374,200
Cost of Support and Revenue			
32-Fundraising Costs	142,700	1,400	144,100
33-Membership Fundraising Costs	130,200	25,000	155,200
35-Convention	0		0
36-Ballot Access Fundraising Exp	25,800		25,800
37-Building Fundraising Exp	12,900		12,900
Total Cost of Supp & Rev	311,600		338,000
Net Support Available for Programs	1,010,900		1,036,200
Program Expense			
40-Administrative Costs	339,800	(2,500)	337,300
45-Compensation	556,200		556,200
50-Affiliate Support	45,000		45,000
55-Brand / Political Materials	30,000		30,000
58-Campus Outreach	1,000		1,000
60-Candidate, Campaign & Initiatives	12,000		12,000
70-Ballot Access Petitioning Related Exp	60,000	70,000	130,000
75-Litigation	6,000		6,000
80-Media	600		600
85-Member Communications Exp	82,800		82,800
88-Outreach	5,700		5,700
90-Project Program Other	0		0
Total Program Expense	1,139,100		1,206,600
Total Expense	1,450,700		1,544,600
Net Operating Surplus (or Deficit)	(128,200)		(170,400)
Capital Expenditures	0		0
Pay Off Mortgage Principal	60,000		60,000
Bequest Receivable	33,400		33,400
Net Surplus(Deficit) After Capital Exp	(154,800)		(197,000)

***BUDGET PROVISIO:** "Ballot access encumbrances for 2017 may only be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee and the total expended shall not exceed the amount authorized in the budget."*

## *SCHEDULE NEXT TWO LNC MEETINGS*

Mr. Redpath moved to suspend the rules and take up scheduling of the next two LNC meetings. There was no objection.

Following general discussion, Mr. Redpath moved that the next LNC meeting be April 15-16, 2017. Mr. Goldstein moved to amend the Redpath motion to set the location to the D.C. area. Following debate, the vote on the Goldstein amendment failed by a show of hands. The vote on the main motion was adopted by a show of hands.

Mr. Hewitt moved that the LNC meet on August 19-20, 2017. Following debate, the motion was adopted by a show of hands.

## *NEW BUSINESS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE*

### COMMITTEE TRANSPARENCY

The LNC took up the motion postponed from the September 25 electronic meeting to amend the Policy Manual to insert a new item into Section 2.02 as follows:

#### [“2\) Committee Transparency](#)

The names and contact information (phone number, email address, or both) for all committee members shall be posted on the LP.org website. Unless otherwise specifically excepted on a committee-by-committee basis, all committee meetings shall be open to any member of the National Party to observe or listen with the exception of executive sessions and all electronic committee correspondences shall be made available on a public reflector system on the LP.org website, the location of which will be published with the committee contact information. Notices, minutes, agendas, and call-in information of committee meetings shall be published to said reflector list or otherwise on the LP.org <<http://lp.org/>> website, including a record of all substantive committee actions and how each member voted. At least 48 hours public notice will be given for any committee meeting, with the exception of emergency meetings as defined within the committee's own published standing rules.

Ms. Harlos moved a substitute motion to insert a new item into Section 2.02 as follows:

#### [“2\) Committee Transparency](#)

The names and contact information for all committee members shall be posted on the LP.org website. Unless otherwise specifically excepted on a committee-by-committee basis, all committee meetings shall be open to any member of the National Party to observe or listen with the exception of executive sessions. Notices, minutes, agendas, and location and/or call-in information of committee meetings shall be published on the LP.org <<http://lp.org/>> website. At least 48 hours public notice will be given for any committee meeting, with the exception of emergency meetings as defined within the committee's own published standing rules.

Following debate, the motion to substitute was adopted without objection, so that the substitute became the main motion.

The vote on the main motion, as amended, was as follows:

Voting “aye”: Demarest, Harlos, McKnight, Starchild

Voting “no”: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Moellman, Redpath, Vohra

Abstaining: Sarwark

The main motion as amended failed with a vote total of 4-12.

## CREATE FUNDRAISING/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Hayes moved to create a Membership Conversion Committee. Following discussion in which Lauren Daugherty volunteered to involve any interested LNC members in the fundraising team which had been approved in the budget, Mr. Hayes withdrew his motion without objection.

## CREATE AN AFFINITY GROUP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Mr. Hayes requested to remove this item from the agenda. There was no objection.

## COMMITTEE TO REVIEW 2016 CAMPAIGN

Mr. Sarwark yielded the gavel to Mr. Vohra.

On behalf of Trent Somes, Mr. Hagan moved that the Libertarian National Committee establish a committee to take bids from political consultants for the task of extensively reviewing and making recommendations for the Libertarian Party's messaging (and modes of messaging), inclusion in the debates, fundraising and campaign finance, campaign mechanics, and state and local affiliates. Said agency will agree to present their findings to the public before December of 2017. The committee will take bids until the 10th of January.

Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Somes made a presentation on the concept.

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Hagan, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman

Voting "no": Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Abstaining: Hayes, Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 9-6.

Ms. Mattson made a motion which, following amendment without objection, was to appoint the just-approved committee to be three people, comprised of Larry Sharpe, Trent Somes, and a third person of their choosing.

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Hayes, Hagan, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath, Vohra

Voting "no": Harlos, Starchild

Abstaining: Goldstein, Sarwark

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 13-2.

Mr. Goldstein moved to amend the agenda to dispense with the supplemental regional reports. The motion failed by a show of hands.

## TRUTH IN POLLING RESOLUTION

Mr. Sarwark departed the meeting, and Mr. Vohra assumed the gavel for the remainder of the session.

Ms. Harlos moved that the LNC adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, prior to and during the 2016 election campaign season, political polling organizations routinely excluded the Libertarian Party presidential ticket from inclusion or equal footing in the first question with respect to presidential preference;

WHEREAS, these and other political polling organizations also routinely excluded Libertarian Party candidates for offices nationwide from inclusion and/or equal footing in their respective races;

WHEREAS, various political polls have been shown to exclude key demographics from their results and these exclusions unfairly skew these results which are provided to the public;

WHEREAS; Polling questions which exclude candidates desired by the voters do not accurately represent ballot options or public opinion and are prejudicial against the will of the voters;  
WHEREAS, political polls influence the results of an election, as these polls are used to determine the inclusion of candidates in the most high profile of political debates and forums for many races, as well as gauging popular support;

WHEREAS, many people view the level of public support of a candidate as a contributing factor for casting their vote, and a candidate excluded from equal footing in the polls is at an unfair disadvantage in this regard;

WHEREAS, due to these circumstances, it is imperative that pollsters are held to the highest standard of honesty, integrity, inclusiveness and accuracy in results provided to the public;

WHEREAS, other organizations have targeted their attempts at countering the corruption of the Commission for Presidential Debates, but not to the pollsters specifically;

WHEREAS, The Truth in Polling Coalition has developed and is implementing a plan to expose and counteract the exclusionary and manipulative actions of pollsters, thereby resulting in more complete information and options being presented to the voting public, hence a level playing field for all legitimate candidates;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian National Committee hereby supports and endorses the efforts of the Truth in Polling Coalition in their fight to include Libertarian candidates in a position of equal footing for future elections nationwide.

Following debate, the vote on the resolution was as follows:

Voting "aye": Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Marsh, McKnight, Moellman, Starchild

Voting "no": Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Mattson

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Goldstein, Redpath, Vohra

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 8-4.

## AMEND POLICY MANUAL REGARDING REPORT TIMING

Ms. Harlos moved to amend Policy Manual Section 2.02.1; following amendment without objection the motion was to amend as follows:



At each regular LNC meeting, each committee created by the LNC will at minimum provide a written report [at least 7 days prior to the session](#) noting the dates and attendance rosters for each of their meetings since the previous regular LNC meeting.

Following debate, the vote was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath, Starchild

Voting "no": Marsh

Abstaining: Mattson, Somes, Vohra

The motion was adopted with a vote total of 12-1, which was sufficient for adoption without previous notice, even though the agenda scheduled the item as having previous notice.

## ADOPT A STANDARD SLOGAN

Ms. Harlos made a motion which after amendment without objection was to add a new section to Policy Manual Section 2.06 specifying that our standard slogan is "The Party of Principle".

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Demarest, Harlos, Starchild

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath, Somes

Abstaining: Vohra

The motion failed with a vote total of 3-12.

## NEW BUSINESS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE

### 2017 BALLOT ACCESS LOAN TO LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA

Mr. Redpath moved that the LNC authorizes the Chair to enter into a loan agreement with the Libertarian Party of Virginia for an amount up to \$25,000, with 0% interest, for the purpose of placing the 2017 LPVA nominee for Governor of Virginia on the general election ballot, with repayment to be 50% of funds raised by the governor campaign until the loan is fully repaid.

Mr. Moellman moved a substitute motion to instead make a matching donation to the Libertarian Party of Virginia for an amount up to \$12,500 for the purpose of placing the 2017 LPVA nominee for governor on the ballot.

Following debate, the vote on the substitution was as follows:

Voting "aye": McKnight, Moellman

Voting "no": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Marsh, Starchild

Abstaining: Katz, Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Vohra

The substitution failed with a vote total of 2-9, leaving the Redpath motion as the main motion.

The vote on the Redpath motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Marsh, McKnight, Moellman, Starchild

Voting "no": (none)

Abstaining: Lark, Mattson, Redpath, Vohra

The Redpath motion was adopted with a vote total of 12-0.

At the request of Mr. Starr, the Chair agreed to inquire with our FEC consultant about this arrangement.

## LIBERTY LINKS

Starchild moved that the LNC direct staff to add the following pro-freedom groups and links to the Liberty Links page on our website (currently at <https://www.lp.org/liberty-links/>):

Alliance for the Separation of School and State – [SchoolAndState.org](http://SchoolAndState.org)  
Atlas Network – [AtlasNetwork.org](http://AtlasNetwork.org)  
BitcoinNotBombs – [BitcoinNotBombs.com](http://BitcoinNotBombs.com)  
Bleeding Heart Libertarians – [BleedingHeartLibertarians.com](http://BleedingHeartLibertarians.com)  
Campaign For Liberty – [CampaignForLiberty.com](http://CampaignForLiberty.com)  
Center for a Stateless Society – [C4SS.org](http://C4SS.org)  
Copblock – [Copblock.org](http://Copblock.org)  
Economic Freedom Network – [FreeTheWorld.com](http://FreeTheWorld.com)  
Electronic Frontier Foundation – [EFF.org](http://EFF.org)  
Erotic Service Providers Legal Education & Research Project – [DecriminalizeSexWork.com](http://DecriminalizeSexWork.com)  
Families Against Mandatory Minimums – [FAMM.org](http://FAMM.org)  
The Free State Project – [FreeStateProject.org](http://FreeStateProject.org)  
Free Talk Live – [FreeTalkLive.com](http://FreeTalkLive.com)  
Freedoms Phoenix – [FreedomsPhoenix.com](http://FreedomsPhoenix.com)  
Fully Informed Jury Association – [FIJA.org](http://FIJA.org)  
The Future of Freedom Foundation – [FFF.org](http://FFF.org)  
Gun Owners of America – [GunOwners.org](http://GunOwners.org)  
Independent Political Report – [IndependentPoliticalReport.com](http://IndependentPoliticalReport.com)  
The Innocence Project – [InnocenceProject.org](http://InnocenceProject.org)  
Institute for Humane Studies – [TheIHS.org](http://TheIHS.org)  
LewRockwell – [LewRockwell.com](http://LewRockwell.com)  
Libertarian Rock – [LibertarianRock.com](http://LibertarianRock.com)  
The Liberty Radio Network – [LRN.fm](http://LRN.fm)  
Miss Liberty's Film & Documentary World – [MissLiberty.com](http://MissLiberty.com)  
LPedia – [LPedia.org](http://LPedia.org)  
National Youth Rights Association – [YouthRights.org](http://YouthRights.org)  
Niskanen Center – [NiskanenCenter.org](http://NiskanenCenter.org)  
Open Borders – [OpenBorders.info](http://OpenBorders.info)  
Outright Libertarians – [OutrightUSA.org](http://OutrightUSA.org)  
Rational Review – [RationalReview.com](http://RationalReview.com)  
Restore The 4th – [RestoreThe4th.com](http://RestoreThe4th.com)  
The Seasteading Institute – [Seasteading.org](http://Seasteading.org)  
Stop The Drug War – [StopTheDrugWar.org](http://StopTheDrugWar.org)  
Stossel In The Classroom – [StosselInTheClassroom.org](http://StosselInTheClassroom.org)  
Strike The Root – [StrikeTheRoot.org](http://StrikeTheRoot.org)

Following debate, the vote on the motion was as follows:

Voting "aye": Starchild

Voting "no": Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath

Abstaining: Bilyeu, Harlos, Hayes, Vohra

The motion failed with a vote total of 1-11.

## *REGIONAL REPORTS*

Region 1 Representative Caryn Ann Harlos had submitted a written report (see Appendix J). There were no questions.

Region 2 Representative Ed Marsh had submitted a written report (see Appendix K). There were no questions.

Region 3 Representative Brett Bittner had submitted a written report (see Appendix L). There were no questions.

Region 4 Representative Jeff Hewitt gave an oral report summarizing membership growth in the California affiliate as well as their electoral successes. The California affiliate has set a convention date in April. He reported election results from Nevada and that the Nevada affiliate convention will be on Martin Luther King day in January.

Region 5 Representative Jim Lark had submitted a written report (see Appendix M) as well as a Campus Organizing Report (see Appendix N) and an International Representative Report (see Appendix O). There were no questions.

Region 6 Representative David Demarest had submitted a written report (see Appendix P), and he gave a brief oral supplement. There were no questions.

Region 7 Representative Whitney Bilyeu had submitted a written report (see Appendix Q), and she had departed the meeting just prior to regional reports.

Region 8 Representative Patrick McKnight had submitted a written report (see Appendix R), and he gave a brief oral supplement. There were no questions.

## *ADJOURNMENT*

Following announcements and public comment, the meeting adjourned without objection at 2:56 p.m.

## **Chair's Report - 7/18/16 - 12/10/16**

- Gave many interviews, including Reason, The Hill, The Wall Street Journal, New Mexico Political Report, Steele & Ungar, Minnesota Public Radio, and many others.
- Filmed a television show on YouToo America in Little Rock with Larry Sharpe as well as a segment on Stossel in New York City.
- Worked with staff to put out timely press releases on issues.
- Traveled and spoke at Libertarian Party and Gary Johnson campaign events.
- Consulted with Oliver Hall on legal issues, including contract negotiations with the Gary Johnson campaign, appeals of lawsuits, and employment and petitioning contracts.
- Engaged with candidates and LP members on social media.
- Responded to LP member correspondence regarding official positions and concerns.

## Secretary's Report

For December 10-11, 2016 LNC Session

Following is a status report for minutes of LNC and EC meetings since the previous regular LNC session on July 17, 2016:

- May 27-30, 2016 National Convention – draft minutes were distributed and posted on our website in accordance with the timelines set forth in the bylaws, expect to be approved during this LNC meeting
- July 11, 2016 EC teleconference – auto-approved on July 26, 2016
- July 17, 2016 LNC session – draft minutes were distributed in accordance with LNC policy and were scheduled for auto-approval on August 16, however Caryn Ann Harlos and Starchild objected to their auto-approval, expect to be approved during this LNC meeting
- July 17, 2016 EC teleconference – auto-approved on August 3, 2016
- September 25, 2016 LNC electronic meeting – auto-approved on October 21, 2016

LNC membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- On July 17, 2016 Joshua Katz was elected to fill an LNC At-Large vacancy, which left a vacancy in the Region 8 Alternate position. I was notified on August 31, 2016 that Region 8 selected Larry Sharpe to fill the vacancy.

Committee membership changes since the previous regular LNC session:

- The LNC appointed members of the Audit Committee during its July 17, 2016 meeting. In late July, the Audit Committee selected Julie Fox as its chair.
- Mr. Sarwark notified the LNC on September 13, 2016 of his appointment of Ken Moellman and Sean O'Toole to the two LNC positions on the IT Committee. Up to 5 non-LNC members have yet to be named.

Other tasks I have completed include:

- Provided staff an article for LPNews summarizing the July LNC meeting
- Continued coordination with Nick Sarwark, Bob Johnston, and Chris Thrasher for presidential ticket filings with various Secretaries of State
- Assembled a listing of committee memberships for this term so that staff could update the website
- As a member of the Convention Oversight Committee, added 2016 data to the convention data archive which I created last term
- Updated the bylaws-mandated new affiliate petition form to use the new logo, and updated a cross-reference to the bylaws so that it reflects numbering changes made at the 2016 national convention

The following 14 email ballots were completed since the July 17, 2016 LNC session:

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Motion 2016-02: Increase budget line 26 - Brand Development Revenues and line 55 - Brand Development Expenses from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 7/29/16

Ended: 8/8/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 15-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2016-03:

WHEREAS, Libertarians affirm that self-defense is an inherent human right;

WHEREAS, the Platform of the Libertarian Party opposes all laws at any level of government restricting, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, or transfer of firearms or ammunition;

WHEREAS, the Platform of the Libertarian Party affirms the right of due process and denies the legitimacy of “victimless crimes”;

WHEREAS, the government has steadily encroached upon these rights by illegitimately regulating and restricting access for firearms and ammunition and may further seek to deprive people who have been convicted of no crime of their inherent right to full self-defense by denying their civil and inherent rights to obtain firearms and ammunition;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian National Committee opposes any policy which would deny access to any firearms or ammunition to any person simply for being placed on any government watch or no-fly list and reaffirms its call to repeal and oppose any existing or proposed firearm and ammunition regulations.

Sponsors: Harlos, Katz, Hayes, Goldstein, Vohra

Started: 8/12/16

Ended: 8/22/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, McKnight, Starchild, Vohra

Voting “nay”: Bittner, Marsh, Mattson

With a final vote tally of 12-3, the motion exceeded the 3/4 vote threshold required by Bylaws Article 7.11, so it PASSES.

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Motion 2016-04: amend the resolution adopted in Email Ballot 2016-03 as follows:

WHEREAS, Libertarians affirm that self-defense is an inherent human right; [and](#)

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WHEREAS, the Platform of the Libertarian Party opposes all laws at any level of government restricting, registering, or monitoring the ownership, manufacture, or transfer of firearms or ammunition; and

WHEREAS, the Platform of the Libertarian Party affirms the right of due process and ~~deny~~denies the legitimacy of laws against "victimless "crimes"; and

WHEREAS, ~~the~~ governments in the United States have ~~has~~ steadily encroached upon these rights by illegitimately regulating and restricting access ~~for to~~ firearms and ammunition and may further seek to ~~deprive people who have been convicted of no crime of their inherent right to full~~ abrogate civil rights, and indeed the basic human right, to self-defense by prohibiting access ~~denying their civil and inherent rights to~~ obtain firearms and ammunition even in cases where a person has not been convicted of any crime; and

WHEREAS some recent statements by Libertarian candidates appearing in the media have the potential to cause confusion among members of the public regarding how Libertarians view these issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Libertarian National Committee opposes any law or policy which would deny or restrict any person's access to any firearms or ammunition to any person simply for being placed as a result of their name appearing on any a government watch or no-fly list, and reaffirms its call to repeal both our party's opposition to any further and oppose any existing or proposed regulations on firearms and ammunition as described above and our demand that all such existing regulations be repealed, and calls upon Libertarian candidates to uphold our party's pro-freedom stance.

Sponsors: Starchild, Vohra, Harlos, Demarest

Started: 8/13/16

Ended: 8/23/16

Voting "aye": Demarest, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "nay": Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Hagan, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Starr

With a final vote tally of 6-9, the motion did not meet the 3/4 vote threshold required by Bylaws Article 7.11 to adopt public policy resolutions, so it FAILS.

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Motion 2016-05: to increase the ballot access budget (Line 70) from \$340,000 to \$390,000

Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 8/31/16

Ended: 9/10/16

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath

Voting "nay": (none)

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2016-06:

Whereas, The Arizona state government's new statute increasing the signature requirements for Libertarians and other alternative party candidates to appear on primary ballots in Arizona by as much as 20-fold or more is clearly unfair, burdensome, at odds with legal precedent, and unconstitutional; and

Whereas, Plaintiffs have limited resources and could use additional legal support in fighting to overturn this unjust statute, especially if the federal district court ruling goes against them and an appeal is necessary;

Resolved, That the Libertarian National Committee allocates \$5,000 from its "legal offense" budget line to be used in the event of an appeal from the District Court's ruling in AZ Libertarian Party v. Reagan, and directs its staff and chair to reach out to groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the Landmark Legal Foundation, the Pacific Legal Foundation, the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the American Center for Law and Justice, and other alternative political parties, to invite them to file amicus curiae briefs with the court or otherwise provide support to the plaintiffs in the aforementioned case, and to publicize the matter on a national scope if feasible.

Sponsors: Katz, Harlos, Hayes, Demarest

Started: 9/11/16

Ended: 9/21/16

Voting "aye": Demarest, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Marsh, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "nay": (none)

Express Abstention: Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Lark, Mattson

With a final vote tally of 10-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2016-07: The budget for 55-Brand Political Materials Expense shall be \$50,000 higher than actual revenue for 26-Brand Political Materials.

Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 9/15/16

Ended: 9/25/16

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "nay": Demarest, Harlos, Hewitt, Katz, Mattson



With a final vote tally of 10-5, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2016-08: Amend the budget as follows:

32-Fundraising Costs increase by \$60,000 to \$201,364  
33-Membership Fundraising Costs increase by \$35,000 to \$127,200  
40-Administrative Costs increase by \$50,000 to \$310,050  
45-Compensation increase by \$60,000 to \$448,800  
85-Member Communication increase by \$17,500 to \$62,500

Sponsors: Sarwark

Started: 9/15/16

Ended: 9/25/16

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Redpath

Voting "nay": (none)

Express Abstention: Harlos, Mattson

With a final vote tally of 10-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2016-09: that the Libertarian National Committee donate directly to the Mark Miller campaign as much as is legally allowable up to \$20,000.

Sponsors: Hayes, Redpath, Bittner, Harlos, Goldstein

Started: 9/21/16

Ended: 10/1/16

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Vohra

Voting "nay": (none)

With a final vote tally of 15-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2016-10: to rescind the authority granted to the Chair to negotiate and execute a campaign contract and the Joint Fundraising Agreement and rescind any signatures already executed.

Sponsors: Harlos, Hayes, Starchild, Demarest

Started: 9/23/16

Ended: 10/3/16

Voting “aye”: (none)

Voting “nay”: Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Hewitt, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

With a final vote tally of 0-15, the motion FAILS.

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Motion 2016-11: The LNC will allocate from Legal Offense \$500 to cover costs in the Kentucky Ballot Access case.

Sponsors: Katz, Harlos, Redpath, Hayes

Started: 9/25/16

Ended: 10/5/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath

Voting “nay”: (none)

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2016-12: The LNC will allocate from Legal Offense \$2000 to fund a petition for certiorari to the Supreme Court in the Kentucky Ballot Access case.

Sponsors: Katz, Harlos, Redpath, Hayes

Started: 9/25/16

Ended: 10/5/16

Voting “aye”: Bilyeu, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, Marsh, McKnight, Moellman, Redpath

Voting “nay”: Katz

Express Abstention: Mattson

With a final vote tally of 11-1, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2016-13:

Whereas Mike Fellows was a dedicated and accomplished activist for the cause of liberty who gave generously of his time and financial resources, and

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Whereas Mr. Fellows represented the Montana Libertarian Party with distinction by virtue of his many campaigns for public office, including campaigns for the Montana state legislature, Montana Secretary of State, Montana Supreme Court Clerk, and the U.S. House of Representatives, and

Whereas Mr. Fellows served with distinction for many years in positions of leadership in the Libertarian Party, including his service as chair of the Montana Libertarian Party and as an alternate representative on the Libertarian National Committee, and

Whereas Mr. Fellows was a man of integrity, wisdom, wit, generosity of spirit, and commitment to the principles of liberty and personal responsibility, therefore

Be it resolved that the members of the Libertarian National Committee express our sadness at the passing of Mike Fellows, and that we offer our condolences to his family and friends.

Sponsors: Lark, Goldstein, Harlos, Hagan, Hayes, Starchild

Started: 10/1/16

Ended: 10/11/16

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Hagan, Harlos, Hayes, Katz, Lark, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Sarwark

Voting "nay": (none)

With a final vote tally of 14-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2016-14: The Libertarian National Committee supports Question 5 in Maine on the ballot on November 8, 2016.

Sponsors: Redpath, Harlos, Demarest, McKnight, Katz, Bilyeu

Started: 10/4/16

Ended: 10/14/16

Voting "aye": Bilyeu, Bittner, Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Starr, Vohra

Voting "nay": (none)

Express abstention: Hayes, Lark

With a final vote tally of 13-0, the motion PASSES.

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Motion 2016-15:

Whereas Nevada Assemblyman John Moore, a former Republican who in January 2016 switched to the Libertarian Party while in office, has during the past month voted not once but twice in the span of as many days to raise taxes on his constituents, including a vote to support a "More Cops" tax which the Libertarian Party of Nevada has tirelessly and thus far successfully opposed, and a vote to provide a \$750 million subsidy to finance a billionaire-owned sports stadium at the expense of, among others, indigent persons renting weekly rooms in motels; and

Whereas the elected leaders of our state affiliate party in Nevada have rightfully voted to censure Assemblyman Moore for these egregious votes; and

Whereas we wish to convey a strong message to all and sundry that while we welcome sitting legislators in the Republican or Democrat parties who decide to switch to the Libertarian Party as an act of conscience, we do not welcome them if they intend, as members of our party, to continue voting and acting like Republicans or Democrats;

Therefore be it resolved that the Libertarian National Committee hereby censures Assemblyman Moore for his recent votes in support of tax increases, requests that he return the \$10,000 campaign contribution which the LNC this season voted to send him, and admonishes him to henceforward be a better champion of the values held by members of the political party with which he has chosen to affiliate if he intends to remain a Libertarian.

Sponsors: Harlos, Demarest, Hayes, Vohra, Starchild, Goldstein, Redpath

Started: 10/21/16

Ended: 10/31/16

Voting "aye": Demarest, Goldstein, Harlos, Hayes, Lark, McKnight, Redpath, Starchild, Vohra

Voting "nay": Hagan, Hewitt, Katz, Marsh, Mattson, Moellman

Express abstention: Bilyeu

With a final vote tally of 9-6, the motion PASSES.

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Alicia Mattson  
LNC Secretary

**See the following 39 pages for the Staff Report**

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*Alexandria, Virginia*

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### Executive Director's Report

**Submitted by Wes Benedict**

2016 was an excellent year for the Libertarian Party. The Party excelled in areas including ballot access, presidential election vote results, membership growth, and financial performance.

Most of the content of my section of this report was generated by copying and pasting directly from the great work of the rest of our staff and contractors.

## Election Results

On Nov. 8, Libertarian for president Gov. Gary Johnson won 4,401,551 votes, the highest vote total for an alternative party presidential candidate since Ross Perot in 1996. Johnson approximately tripled his previous vote total and percentage.

Approximately 600 other candidates were on the ballot. Nine Libertarians were newly elected, and six were re-elected. We count 142 elected Libertarians.

## Ballot Access

Johnson/Weld made the ballot on all 50 states plus D.C. The last time the Libertarian Party's nominees did that was Harry Browne and Jo Jorgensen in 1996.

We retained or gained ballot access in 37 states plus D.C., the highest ever after an election in the party's history. The previous best was 31, after the November 2012 election.



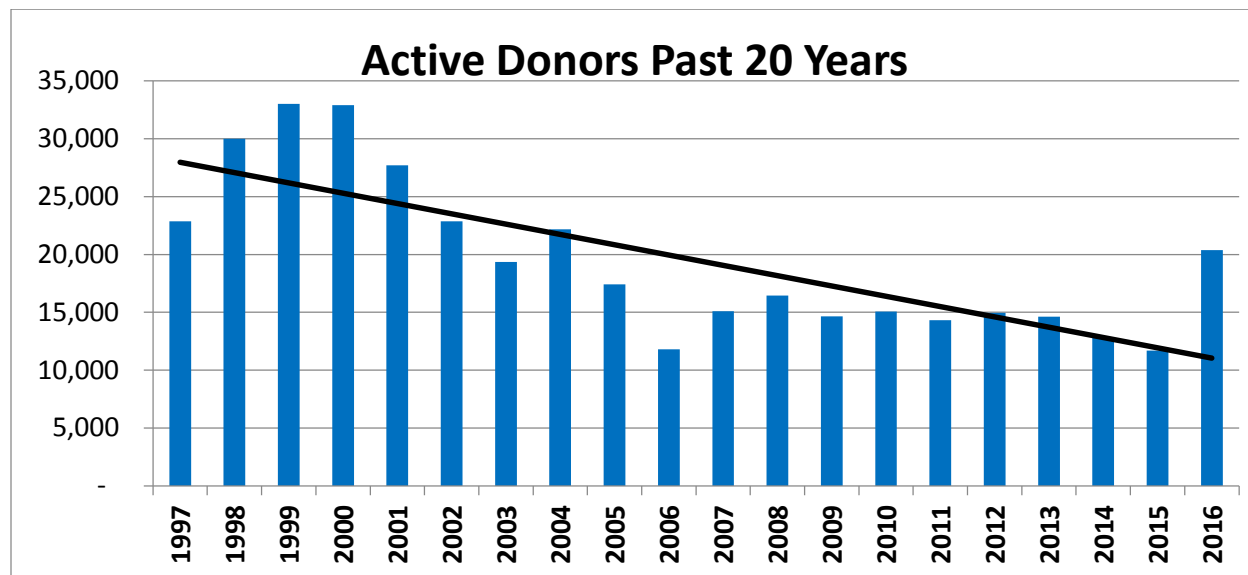
## Voter Registration

"The Libertarian Party now has approximately 500,000 registrants. It is the first nationally-organized party, other than the Democratic and Republican Parties, to have that many. The Libertarian Party had 411,250 registrants in February 2016, and in all previous years, had never had as many as 400,000."

(Source: [Ballot Access News, 11/11/2016](#))

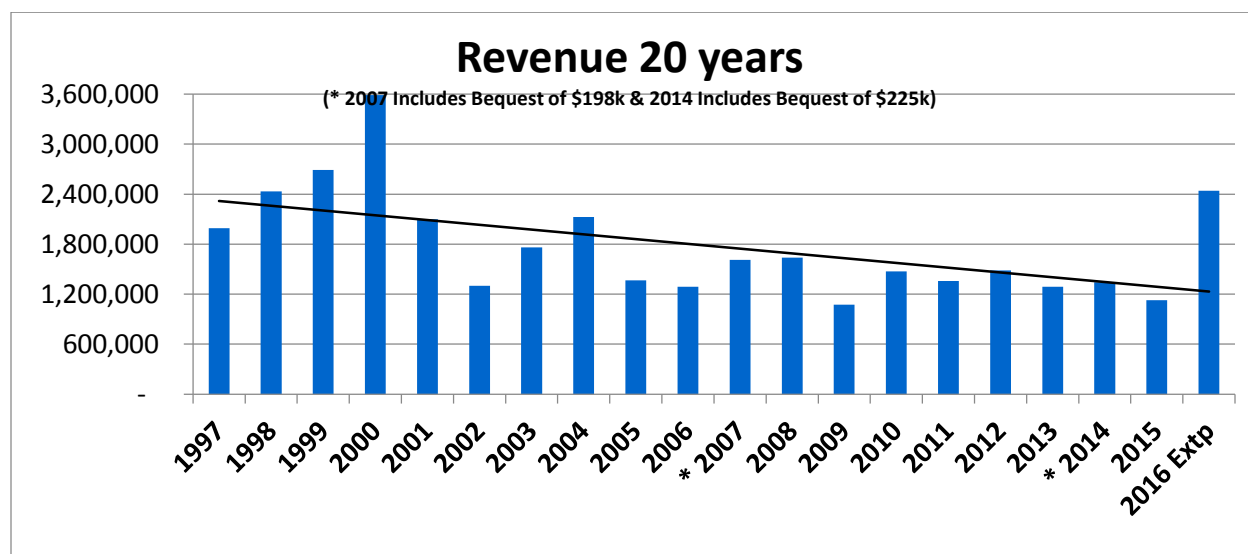
## Membership

Interest generated by the Presidential election drove “membership” up to the highest level since 2004.



## Revenue

Interest generated by the Presidential election helped drive revenue up to the highest level since 2000.



The original 2016 budget adopted by the LNC had revenue at \$1,514,461. At \$2,529,951 as of November 30, 2016, we’ve already surpassed that original budget by over a million dollars!

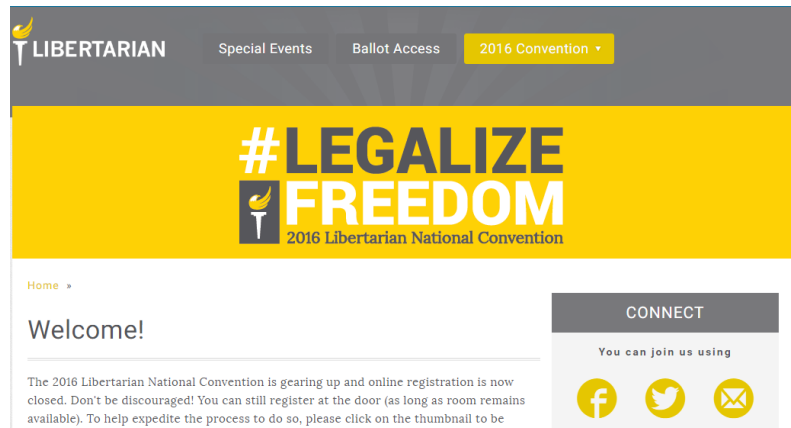
Our November 30, 2016 YTD **surplus is \$310,177**, compared to a 2012 deficit of **\$157,796**.

For fiscal 2016 we’ve made **\$22,000 in extra payments** towards the principle on the building mortgage.



## 2016 Convention

After the I.T. Committee decided against rolling out a complete NationBuilder database/website system, staff put together a beautiful convention website on an entry level NationBuilder platform with the new LP logo and branding. We also sent lots of graphically intense positive emails promoting the convention.



Lots of promotion along with several active candidates for President that were also boosted by dislike of the two older party frontrunners caused a huge turnout for the convention.

Credentialed delegates and alternates numbered 1,018, up from 648 in 2012 and 440 in 2014.

The original convention revenue budget was \$155,461 compared to actual revenue of \$291,294.

We invested heavily in branded signage at the convention.



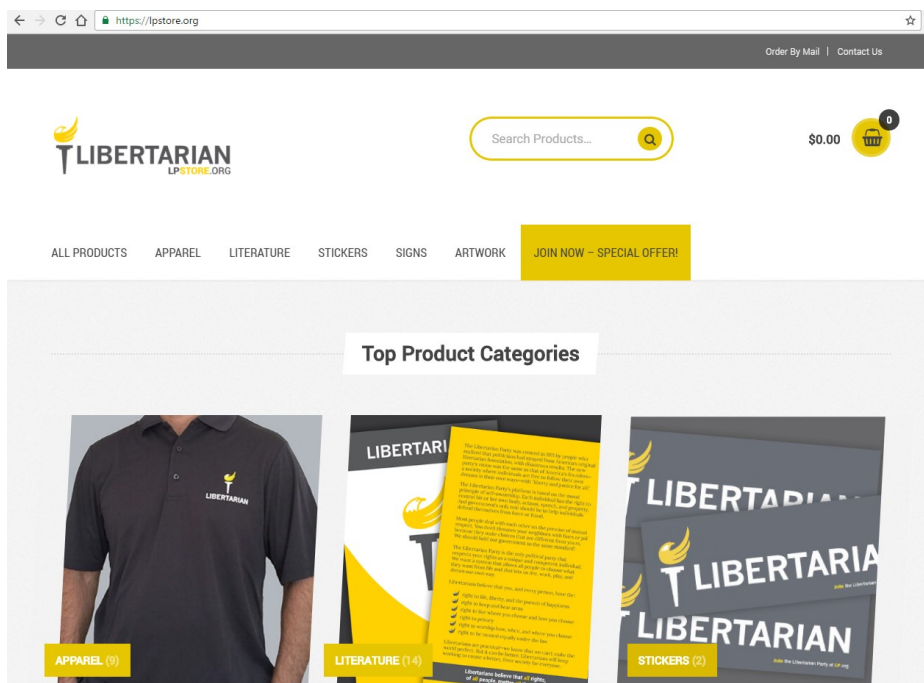
We hired a professional photographer for the convention who's work will provide high-quality images for use in various publications for years to come.



## LPStore.org

We rolled out a new website for LPStore.org (special thanks to Andy Burns).

Sales of Johnson for President materials were popular, but we also sold basic Libertarian promotional items.





We priced items to approximately cover the costs of printing and shipping the items. The LNC approved a budget allowing expenses to exceed revenue by \$50,000. The following table shows how dramatically we increased the sale of branded items, going from \$19,380 in 2014 to \$311,812 as of November 2016.



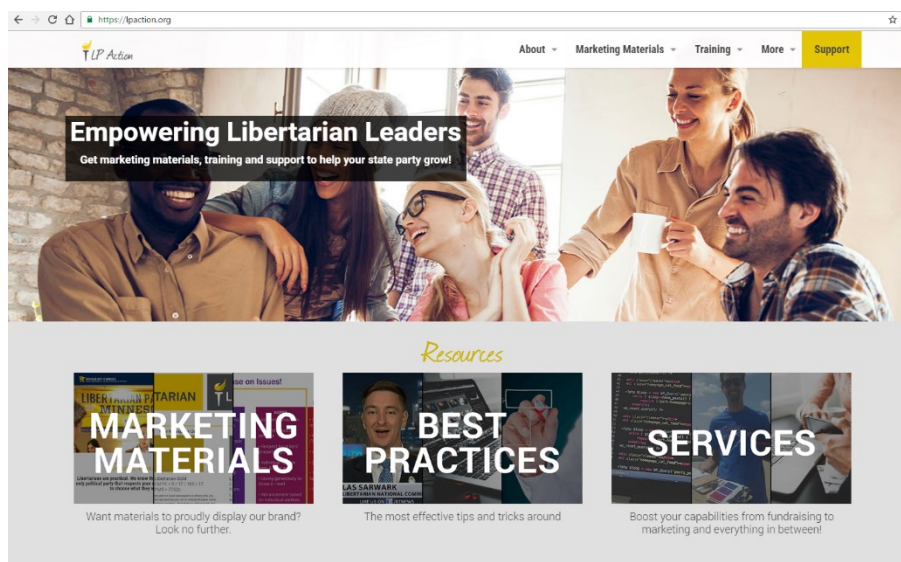
Branding	Revenue	Expenses	Net
2010	\$ 28,994	\$ (51,879)	\$ (22,885)
2012	\$ 690	\$ (2,748)	\$ (2,058)
2014	\$ 19,380	\$ (12,578)	\$ 6,802
11/30/2016 YTD	\$ 311,812	\$ (364,104)	\$ (52,292)

## LPAction.org

Andy Burns launched a new website to host tools for state affiliates and activists.

## New LP.org website

We launched a new website for LP.org in October, 2016 to replace the one deployed in 2008. The new one, built on WordPress, is mobile-friendly. While it has a fresh and more modern look, we've got a lot more work to do on it to get it performing up to our expectations.





## Latest News



### Victory!

Nicholas Sarwark, Chair of the Libertarian National Committee, made the following remarks in New Mexico at the Election Night celebration for the Libertarian presidential ticket. Hello Libertarians! It is an...

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### Libertarian candidates pledge to downsize U.S. military

For Immediate Release | Thursday, November 3, 2016 | Forty-two Libertarians running for federal office in 2016 have pledged to disentangle the United States from conflicts in the Middle East...

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### Libertarian candidates pledge to contain and reduce government authority

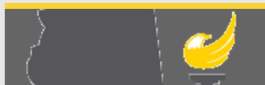
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### Libertarian candidates pledge to localize education

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## Libertarians in the News



### Kankakee County Board's Byrne Joins Libertarian Party of Illinois

From a press release issued by the Illinois Libertarian Party on December 7: Kankakee County Board Representative Jim Byrne, R-Bradley, announced today he has officially joined the Libertarian Party of...

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### Libertarians File to Reclaim Party Status in Ohio

From a press release by the Ohio Libertarian Party: COLUMBUS—December 5, 2016—The five-person committee that filed petitions to place the Libertarian presidential ticket of Gary Johnson and William Weld on...

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### Sitting Delaware councilman switches to Libertarian Party

Ed Zielinski, an elected councilman of Elsmere, Delaware, recently switched over to the Libertarian Party. Mr. Zielinski, a former Republican, was elected to the non-partisan town council seat in April... [Read more →](#)

### 15 Libertarian candidates won election on November 8

Eight Libertarian candidates were elected to office on election day, November 8, and seven Libertarian officials were reelected. Below is the list of elected and reelected officials from election day... [Read more →](#)

## Things I need from the LNC

Freedom and flexibility to get website working better.

Small upgrade to the Raisers Edge database and contribution system.

Cautious spending focused on priorities of fundraising, website, database.

## LNC Goals

The LNC passed goals on 9/21/2014. Listed below in descending order of support level:

1. 1000 candidates in 2016 (result: around 600 in November, around 600 for the year)
2. Take action to see that each state has operational affiliate by June 1, 2015 (result: goal achieved if you go with a generous definition of “operational”)
3. 300 candidates by 2016 trained in Who’s Driving (result: with in person and online sessions included, over 300 people were probably trained, but less than 300 actual candidates trained)
4. Updated issue-based outreach literature this term (result – 5 issue-based rack cards published in additional many other non-specific-issued-based pieces)
5. 38-state party-status ballot access as of Dec 1, 2016 (result – 37 states plus DC reached)
6. 200 elected Libertarian officials in Dec 2016 (result—still researching to determine final count, but the current count is 142)

## Staff

Several staff were temporarily added primarily to handle the increased activity at headquarters due to the presidential election.

### Temporary staff

- Matthew Quick
- Jonathan Walker
- Matthew Thexton

### Salaried and hourly staff:

- Wes Benedict — Executive Director
- Carla Howell — Political Director
- Robert Kraus — Operations Director
- Casey Hansen — Member Services Manager
- Nick Dunbar — Special Projects

### Staff contractors:

- Bob Johnston — Candidate and Affiliate Support Specialist
- Andy Burns - State Affiliate Support Specialist

- Lauren Daugherty – Special Projects
- Elizabeth Brierly –Assistant Editor; helps with various publications
- Rachel Mills – Press Secretary

Other contractors used on a regular basis:

- Oliver Hall – Special Counsel
- Paula Edwards – FEC Consultant
- Mat Thexton – membership renewal calls
- Denise Luckey – graphic design
- Collin Daugherty—graphic design
- There are more contractors we use on a semi-regular basis that are not detailed here for things such as cleaning services, HVAC repair, general maintenance, tech support, legal help, ballot access petitioning, and other things.

## Direct Mail Performance (Board Reports)

A series of tables follows with lots of detail on our direct mail performance. We refer to the tables as “Board Reports”. Keep in mind that the performance of displayed is a snapshot, and that mailings that were released within the past month or so will continue to show increased returns.

## Costs, Dates, and Revenue from Direct Mail Projects 2008 through 2016

### 2016 Appeals as 2016-11-30

Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1.	ROI	Cost per Donor
<b>House</b>													
1601 HO	2/1/16	Sarwark 2016 BA	20,005	recent contributors	\$29,708.00	\$8,779.00	\$20,929.00	349	1.74%	\$85.12	\$0.30	\$3.38	\$25.15
1603 HO	3/25/16	urgent yellow BA	19,985	recent contributors	\$47,517.00	\$5,887.00	\$41,630.00	390	1.95%	\$121.84	\$0.12	\$8.07	\$15.09
1604 HO	4/22/16	2015 annual report	19,946	2015-16 stakeholders	\$43,793.00	\$6,913.00	\$36,880.00	337	1.69%	\$129.95	\$0.16	\$6.33	\$20.51
1605 HO	5/7/16	dangerous times	20,103	recent contributors	\$31,787.00	\$7,126.00	\$24,661.00	238	1.18%	\$133.56	\$0.22	\$4.46	\$29.94
1606 HO	6/23/16	no teaser - be revolutionary	24,980	24 month contributors	\$64,268.00	\$3,322.00	\$60,946.00	457	1.83%	\$140.63	\$0.05	\$19.35	\$7.27
1608 HO	8/10/16	all rights	34,993	recent contributors, volunteers	\$26,057.00	\$10,556.00	\$15,501.00	250	0.71%	\$104.23	\$0.41	\$2.47	\$42.22
1609 HO	9/16/16	GOTV	34,979	recent contributors	\$19,859.00	\$11,352.00	\$8,507.00	227	0.65%	\$87.48	\$0.57	\$1.75	\$50.01
1610 HO	10/14/16	Year of the Libertarian	34,979	recent contributors	\$ 9,490.00	\$10,530.00	-\$1,040.00	121	0.35%	\$78.43	\$1.11	\$0.90	\$87.02
<b>Subtotal House</b>			<b>209,970</b>		<b>\$272,479.00</b>	<b>\$64,465.00</b>	\$208,014.00	<b>2,369</b>	<b>1.13%</b>	<b>\$115.02</b>	<b>\$0.24</b>	<b>\$4.23</b>	<b>\$27.21</b>
<b>Renewals</b>													
							\$0.00						
1601 RE	2/3/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,281	6 month expires	\$12,408.00	\$1,305.00	\$11,103.00	221	6.74%	\$56.14	\$0.11	\$9.51	\$5.90
1602 RE	2/29/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,327	6 month expires	\$13,165.00	\$1,313.00	\$11,852.00	176	5.29%	\$74.80	\$0.10	\$10.03	\$7.46
1603 RE	3/22/16	wes upgrade appeal	3,054	6 month expires	\$11,700.00	\$1,271.00	\$10,429.00	180	5.89%	\$65.00	\$0.11	\$9.21	\$7.06
1604 RE	4/30/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,667	6 month expires	\$7,465.00	\$1,105.00	\$6,360.00	118	4.42%	\$63.26	\$0.15	\$6.76	\$9.36
1605 RE	5/24/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,422	6 month expires	\$5,816.00	\$1,075.00	\$4,741.00	98	4.05%	\$59.35	\$0.18	\$5.41	\$10.97
1606 RE	6/28/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,251	6 month expires	\$11,681.00	\$1,051.00	\$10,630.00	176	7.82%	\$66.37	\$0.09	\$11.11	\$5.97
1607 RE	8/6/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,495	6 month expires	\$18,765.00	\$1,095.00	\$17,670.00	284	11.38%	\$66.07	\$0.06	\$17.14	\$3.86
1608 RE	8/22/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,423	6 month expires	\$7,740.00	\$1,079.00	\$6,661.00	133	5.49%	\$58.20	\$0.14	\$7.17	\$8.11
1609 RE	9/26/16	wes upgrade appeal	2,448	6 month expires	\$5,685.00	\$1,864.00	\$3,821.00	106	4.33%	\$53.63	\$0.33	\$3.05	\$17.58
<b>Subtotal Renewals</b>			<b>27,133</b>		<b>\$94,525.00</b>	<b>\$11,158.00</b>	\$83,367.00	<b>1494</b>	<b>5.51%</b>	<b>\$63.27</b>	<b>\$0.12</b>	<b>\$8.47</b>	<b>\$7.47</b>
<b>Lapsed</b>													
1605 LA	5/7/16	dangerous times	9,882	recent lapsed	\$6,183.00	\$3,503.17	\$2,679.83	126	1.28%	\$49.07	\$0.57	\$1.76	\$27.80
1605 LA2	5/23/16	alternatives	31,061	recent and long term lapsed	\$4,175.00	\$8,049.00	-\$3,874.00	56	0.18%	\$74.55	\$1.93	\$0.52	\$143.73
1608 LA			15,187	recent and long term lapsed	\$1,050.00		\$1,050.00	17	0.11%	\$61.76	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal Lapsed</b>			<b>56,130</b>		<b>\$11,408.00</b>	<b>\$11,552.17</b>	-\$144.17	<b>199</b>	<b>0.35%</b>	<b>\$57.33</b>	<b>\$1.01</b>	<b>\$0.99</b>	<b>\$58.05</b>
<b>Prospecting</b>													
1602 SFL	2/19/16	SFL Conference		Students for Liberty	\$125.00			262	#DIV/0!	\$0.48	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1603 PR	4/8/16	Alternatives	29,982	house inquiries and exchange lists	\$7,890.00	\$11,995.00	-\$4,105.00	176	0.59%	\$44.83	\$1.52	\$0.66	\$68.15
1605 PR	6/6/16	dangerous times	1,277	exchange list	\$2,650.00	\$425.40	\$2,224.60	12	0.94%	\$220.83	\$0.16	\$6.23	\$35.45
<b>Subtotal Prospecting</b>			<b>31,259</b>		<b>\$10,665.00</b>	<b>\$12,420.40</b>	-\$1,755.40	<b>450</b>	<b>1.44%</b>	<b>\$23.70</b>	<b>\$1.16</b>	<b>\$0.86</b>	<b>\$27.60</b>
<b>Web &amp; White mail</b>													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$255,226.00		\$255,226.00	1,718		\$148.56			
Web New Members		New Members			\$306,404.00		\$306,404.00	6,461		\$47.42			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$189,635.00		\$189,635.00	3,003		\$63.15			
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$138,165.00		\$138,165.00	198		\$697.80			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$15,923.00		\$15,923.00	191		\$83.37			
<b>Subtotal for Web and White Mail</b>					<b>\$905,353.00</b>		<b>\$905,353.00</b>	<b>11,571</b>		<b>\$78.24</b>			
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>													
<b>2016 GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$1,021,951.00</b>	<b>\$35,130.57</b>	<b>\$986,820.43</b>	<b>13,714</b>		<b>\$74.52</b>			

## 2015 Appeals as 2016-11-30

Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1.	ROI	Cost per Donor
<b>House</b>													
1501 HO	1/5/15	PSD&C	20,471	most recent contributors	\$25,137.00	\$6,665.00	\$18,472.00	390	1.91%	\$64.45	\$0.27	\$3.77	\$17.09
1502 HO	2/23/15	4 carrier test	19,998	most recent contributors	\$10,492.00	\$7,841.00	\$2,651.00	177	0.89%	\$59.28	\$0.75	\$1.34	\$44.30
1504 HO	4/20/15	yellow urgent - BA	19,987	most recent contributors	\$14,759.00	\$6,364.00	\$8,395.00	236	1.18%	\$62.54	\$0.43	\$2.32	\$26.97
1505 HO	6/1/15	Annual Report	18,068	stakeholders Jan 01, 2014 - Present	\$14,198.00	\$13,876.00	\$322.00	176	0.97%	\$80.67	\$0.98	\$1.02	\$78.84
1506 HO	6/29/15	logo survey	19,986	most recent contributors	\$12,227.00	\$8,561.00	\$3,666.00	343	1.72%	\$35.65	\$0.70	\$1.43	\$24.96
1507 HO	8/3/15	OK Ballot Access	21,156	recent contributors + OK all + 5yr BA	\$22,542.00	\$7,542.00	\$15,000.00	216	1.02%	\$104.36	\$0.33	\$2.99	\$34.92
1510 HO	10/14/15	New Logo	19,989	recent contributors	\$18,270.00	\$8,056.00	\$10,214.00	337	1.69%	\$54.21	\$0.44	\$2.27	\$23.91
1511 HO	11/20/15	BA	19,890	recent contributors	\$17,222.00	\$8,239.14	\$8,982.86	86	0.43%	\$200.26	\$0.48	\$2.09	\$95.80
<b>Subtotal House</b>			<b>159,545</b>		<b>\$134,847.00</b>	<b>\$67,144.14</b>	<b>\$67,702.86</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1.23%</b>	<b>\$68.76</b>	<b>\$0.50</b>	<b>\$2.01</b>	<b>\$34.24</b>
<b>Renewals</b>													
1501 RE	1/29/15	wes upgrade appeal	5,226	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$13,169.00	\$1,516.00	\$11,653.00	243	4.65%	\$54.19	\$0.12	\$8.69	\$6.24
1502 RE	3/6/15	wes upgrade appeal	4,585	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$11,855.00	\$1,521.00	\$10,334.00	213	4.65%	\$55.66	\$0.13	\$7.79	\$7.14
1503 RE	3/26/15	wes upgrade appeal	4,046	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,187.00	\$1,444.00	\$10,743.00	226	5.59%	\$53.92	\$0.12	\$8.44	\$6.39
1505 RE	5/31/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,394	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$4,545.00	\$1,227.00	\$3,318.00	77	2.27%	\$59.03	\$0.27	\$3.70	\$15.94
1507 RE	7/23/15	wes upgrade appeal	4,353	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$30,137.00	\$1,486.00	\$28,651.00	536	12.31%	\$56.23	\$0.05	\$20.28	\$2.77
1508 RE	8/25/15	wes upgrade appeal	4,205	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$14,990.00	\$1,362.00	\$13,628.00	273	6.49%	\$54.91	\$0.09	\$11.01	\$4.99
1509 RE	9/30/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,460	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$7,925.00	\$1,335.00	\$6,590.00	131	3.79%	\$60.50	\$0.17	\$5.94	\$10.19
1510 RE	10/28/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,563	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,251.00	\$1,249.00	\$11,002.00	213	5.98%	\$5.86	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
1511 RE	12/11/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,150	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$13,627.00	\$1,194.00	\$12,433.00	226	7.17%	\$60.30	\$0.09	\$11.41	\$5.28
1512 RE	12/28/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,218	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$13,364.00	\$1,182.00	\$12,182.00	221	6.87%	\$60.47	\$0.09	\$11.31	\$5.35
<b>Subtotal Renewals</b>			<b>42,048</b>		<b>\$134,050.00</b>	<b>\$13,516.00</b>	<b>\$120,534.00</b>	<b>2359</b>	<b>5.61%</b>	<b>\$56.82</b>	<b>\$0.10</b>	<b>\$9.92</b>	<b>\$5.73</b>
<b>Lapsed</b>													
1502 LA	2/9/15	Please Renew Your Mem	29,989	long term expired	\$5,356.00	\$9,580.00	-\$4,224.00	114	0.38%	\$46.98	\$1.79	\$0.56	\$84.04
1508 LA	8/12/15	Please Renew Your Mem	26,120	long term expired	\$3,940.00	\$7,487.00	-\$3,547.00	101	0.39%	\$39.01	\$1.90	\$0.53	\$74.13
1512 LA	12/9/15	5 teaser test	25,586	long term expired	\$4,828.00	\$12,357.00	-\$7,529.00	81	0.32%	\$59.60	\$2.56	\$0.39	\$152.56
<b>Subtotal Lapsed</b>			<b>81,695</b>		<b>\$14,124.00</b>	<b>\$29,424.00</b>	<b>-\$15,300.00</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>0.36%</b>	<b>\$47.72</b>	<b>\$2.08</b>	<b>\$0.48</b>	<b>\$99.41</b>
<b>Prospecting</b>													
1502 SFL				Students for Liberty	\$1,495.00			349	#DIV/0!	\$4.28	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal Prospecting</b>			<b>0</b>		<b>\$1,495.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,495.00</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>\$4.28</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Web &amp; White mail</b>													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$28,297.30		\$28,297.30	279		\$101.42			
Web New Members		New Members			\$35,900.00		\$35,900.00	1,024		\$35.06			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$97,881.65		\$97,881.65	1,727		\$56.68			
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$48,134.91		\$48,134.91	100		\$481.35			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$10,638.55		\$10,638.55	156		\$68.20			
<b>Subtotal for Web and White Mail</b>					<b>\$220,852.41</b>		<b>\$220,852.41</b>	<b>3,286</b>		<b>\$67.21</b>			
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>													
<b>2015 GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$370,521.41</b>	<b>\$42,940.00</b>	<b>\$327,581.41</b>	<b>6,290</b>		<b>\$58.91</b>			



2014 Appeals as 2015-12-31													
Official Mailing ID	Drop Date	Title	# of Pieces Mailed	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of Donors	Percent Response	Average Gift Amount	Cost to Raise \$1.	ROI	Cost per Donor
<b>House</b>													
1402 HO	2/10/14	urgent yellow	34,992	most recent contributors	\$29,089.00	\$10,714.91	\$18,374.09	509	1.45%	\$57.15	\$0.37	\$2.71	\$21.05
1403 HO	3/21/14	annual report	19,584	stakeholders Jan 01, 2013 - Present	\$28,958.00	\$19,034.62	\$9,923.38	289	1.48%	\$100.20	\$0.66	\$1.52	\$65.86
1405 HO	5/15/2014*	building Fund	800	previous building fund donors (first class)	\$9,458.00	\$1,192.00	\$8,266.00	87	10.88%	\$108.71	\$0.13	\$7.93	\$13.70
1406 HO	6/13/14	Voter Demand	19,998	most recent contributors	\$14,641.00	\$7,573.00	\$7,068.00	244	1.22%	\$60.00	\$0.52	\$1.93	\$31.04
1408 HO	9/3/14	Urgent - Layoff	19,992	most recent contributors	\$28,020.00	\$6,274.00	\$21,746.00	394	1.97%	\$71.12	\$0.22	\$4.47	\$15.92
1411 HO	11/10/14	Porcupine	22,561	most recent contributors	\$20,305.00	\$7,339.00	\$12,966.00	240	1.06%	\$84.60	\$0.36	\$2.77	\$30.58
<b>Subtotal House</b>			<b>117,927</b>		<b>\$130,471.00</b>	<b>\$52,127.53</b>	<b>\$78,343.47</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1.49%</b>	<b>\$74.01</b>	<b>\$0.40</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>	<b>\$29.57</b>
2014 LP NEWS	VARIES								#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!			
<b>Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News</b>			<b>117,927</b>		<b>\$130,471.00</b>	<b>\$52,127.53</b>	<b>\$78,343.47</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1.49%</b>	<b>\$74.01</b>	<b>\$0.40</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>	<b>\$29.57</b>
<b>Renewals</b>													
1401 RE	1/31/14	2012 2013 letter	4,104	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$9,580.00	\$1,560.11	\$8,019.89	182	4.43%	\$52.64	\$0.16	\$6.14	\$8.57
1402 RE	2/28/14	2012 2013 MM letter	3,562	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$12,149.00	\$1,354.82	\$10,794.18	210	5.90%	\$57.85	\$0.11	\$8.97	\$6.45
1403 RE	4/6/14	2012 2013 MM letter	4,502	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$10,194.00	\$1,567.79	\$8,626.21	206	4.58%	\$49.49	\$0.15	\$6.50	\$7.61
1404 RE	4/24/14	2012 2013 MM letter	3,976	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$9,777.00	\$1,386.16	\$8,390.84	196	4.93%	\$49.88	\$0.14	\$7.05	\$7.07
1405 RE	5/31/14	2012 2013 MM letter	2,425	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$8,985.00	\$1,060.91	\$7,924.09	189	7.79%	\$47.54	\$0.12	\$8.47	\$5.61
1406 RE	7/10/14	life member	12,834	current non-life members	\$23,421.00	\$8,213.45	\$15,207.55	55	0.43%	\$425.84	\$0.35	\$2.85	\$149.34
1407 RE	7/31/15	wes upgrade appeal	3,100	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$15,534.00	\$1,342.00	\$14,192.00	295	9.52%	\$52.66	\$0.09	\$11.58	\$4.55
1408 RE	9/17/14	wes upgrade appeal	3,713	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$18,465.00	\$1,294.00	\$17,171.00	326	8.78%	\$56.64	\$0.07	\$14.27	\$3.97
1409 RE	10/8/14	wes upgrade appeal	4,211	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$14,814.00	\$1,652.40	\$13,161.60	256	6.08%	\$57.87	\$0.11	\$8.97	\$6.45
1410 RE	11/7/14	wes upgrade appeal	2,540	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$10,720.00	\$783.00	\$9,937.00	191	7.52%	\$4.10	\$0.07	\$13.69	\$4.10
1411 RE	12/12/14	wes upgrade appeal	5,402	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$17,662.00	\$2,026.00	\$15,636.00	286	5.29%	\$61.76	\$0.11	\$8.72	\$7.08
1412 RE	1/12/15	wes upgrade appeal	5,234	Std 6 Mo renewal	\$11,245.00	\$1,781.00	\$9,464.00	210	4.01%	\$53.55	\$0.16	\$6.31	\$8.48
<b>Subtotal Renewals</b>			<b>55,603</b>		<b>\$162,546.00</b>	<b>\$24,021.64</b>	<b>\$138,524.36</b>	<b>2602</b>	<b>4.68%</b>	<b>\$62.47</b>	<b>\$0.15</b>	<b>\$6.77</b>	<b>\$9.23</b>
<b>Lapsed</b>													
1406 LA	7/7/14	Please Renew Your Mem	31,748	long term expired	\$13,318.50	\$9,056.41	\$4,262.09	249	0.78%	\$53.49	\$0.68	\$1.47	\$36.37
1410 LA	11/7/14	wes upgrade appeal	12,286	long term expired	\$8,510.00	\$2,856.80	\$5,653.20	137	1.12%	\$62.12	\$0.34	\$2.98	\$20.85
<b>Subtotal Lapsed</b>			<b>44,034</b>		<b>\$21,828.50</b>	<b>\$11,913.21</b>	<b>\$9,915.29</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>0.88%</b>	<b>\$56.55</b>	<b>\$0.55</b>	<b>\$1.83</b>	<b>\$30.86</b>
<b>Prospecting</b>													
1404 PR-0	4/10/14	Reg LP - No premium	29,296	Registered Libertarians	\$2,547.95	\$8,784.41	-\$6,236.46	54	0.18%	\$47.18	\$3.45	\$0.29	\$162.67
1404 PR-1	4/10/14	Reg LP - book , t-shirt	29,295	Registered Libertarians (plus cost of prem)	\$4,539.00	\$8,784.41	-\$4,245.41	122	0.42%	\$37.20	\$1.94	\$0.52	\$72.00
<b>Subtotal Prospecting</b>			<b>58,591</b>		<b>\$7,086.95</b>	<b>\$17,568.82</b>	<b>-\$10,481.87</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>\$40.27</b>	<b>\$2.48</b>	<b>\$0.40</b>	<b>\$99.82</b>
<b>WEB</b>													
<b>Web Contributions</b>		Donations			\$63,970.00		\$63,970.00	646		\$99.02			
<b>Web New Members</b>		New Members			\$53,491.00		\$53,491.00	1,556		\$34.38			
<b>Web Renewals</b>		Renewal Memberships			\$171,774.00		\$171,774.00	2,654		\$64.72			
<b>WHITE MAIL</b>													
<b>White Mail Contributions</b>		Donations			\$30,149.00		\$30,149.00	175		\$172.28			
<b>White Mail for Membership</b>		Membership			\$14,615.00		\$14,615.00	180		\$81.19			
<b>Subtotal for Web and White Mail</b>					<b>\$333,999.00</b>		<b>\$333,999.00</b>	<b>5,211</b>		<b>\$64.09</b>			
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>													
1404 HO		ballot fund - email		piryx	\$8,285.00		\$8,285.00	153		\$54.15			
<b>2014 GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$664,216.45</b>	<b>\$105,631.20</b>	<b>\$558,585.25</b>	<b>10,291</b>		<b>\$64.54</b>			

2013 Appeals (as of 2014-12-31)													
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1301 HO	1/28/13	Big Opportunity	20,694		\$20,825.00	\$7,115.00	\$13,710.00	213	1.03%	\$97.77	\$0.34	\$2.93	\$33.40
1303 HO	4/2/13	Building fund	13,336		\$54,186.00	\$9,464.00	\$44,722.00	201	1.51%	\$269.58	\$0.17	\$5.73	\$47.08
1303 HO email	4/4/13	Building fund email	130,454		\$2,303.00	\$0.00	\$2,303.00	8	0.01%	\$287.88	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1303 HO 3	4/22/13	Second Notice (bldg fund)	13,337		\$12,550.00	\$5,729.00	\$6,821.00	84	0.63%	\$149.40	\$0.46	\$2.19	\$68.20
1303 HO email	5/8/13	Building fund email	137,609		\$10,689.00	\$0.00	\$10,689.00	17	0.01%	\$628.76	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1305 HO	5/24/13	2012 Annual Report	19,793		\$22,112.00	\$11,820.00	\$10,292.00	282	1.42%	\$78.41	\$0.53	\$1.87	\$41.91
1306 HO	6/11/13	Extremely Time Sens. ARF	19,887		\$16,096.00	\$6,374.00	\$9,722.00	243	1.22%	\$66.24	\$0.40	\$2.53	\$26.23
1307 HO	8/13/13	ballot access	19,000		\$23,142.00	\$9,184.00	\$13,958.00	285	1.50%	\$81.20	\$0.40	\$2.52	\$32.22
1309 HO	9/30/13	corrections and donations	40,000		\$32,712.00	\$8,067.00	\$24,645.00	549	1.37%	\$59.58	\$0.25	\$4.06	\$14.69
1310 HO	10/30/13	Heros	22,840		\$9,669.00	\$6,724.00	\$2,945.00	168	0.74%	\$57.55	\$0.70	\$1.44	\$40.02
1311 HO	11/15/14	Invest in growth	20,188		\$11,382.00	\$6,357.95	\$5,024.05	178	0.88%	\$63.94	\$0.56	\$1.79	\$35.72
1312 Ballot Fund	12/23/14	Special message - Gary Johnson	20,005		\$20,968.20	\$7,157.76	\$13,810.44	272	1.36%	\$77.09	\$0.34	\$2.93	\$26.32
Subtotal House			457,138		\$236,634.20	\$77,992.71	\$158,641.49	2,500.00	0.55%	\$94.65	\$0.33	\$3.03	\$31.20
2013 LP NEWS	VARIES				\$2,935.00			62	#DIV/0!	\$47.34			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News			457,138		\$239,569.20	\$77,992.71	\$161,576.49	2,562	0.56%	\$93.51	\$0.33	\$3.07	\$30.44
Renewals													
1301 RE	1/22/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,228		\$11,571.49	\$2,280.00	\$9,291.49	214	5.06%	\$54.07	\$0.20	\$5.08	\$10.65
1302 RE	2/20/13	Please Renew Your Mem	3,694		\$12,733.00	\$1,813.00	\$10,920.00	276	7.47%	\$46.13	\$0.14	\$7.02	\$6.57
1303 RE	3/25/13	Please Renew Your Mem	3,305		\$12,815.00	\$1,334.00	\$11,481.00	260	7.87%	\$49.29	\$0.10	\$9.61	\$5.13
1304 RE	4/23/13	Please Renew Your Mem	2,803		\$11,675.00	\$1,259.00	\$10,416.00	242	8.63%	\$48.24	\$0.11	\$9.27	\$5.20
1305 RE	6/1/13	Please Renew Your Mem	2,685		\$9,440.00	\$1,428.00	\$8,012.00	186	6.93%	\$50.75	\$0.15	\$6.61	\$7.68
1306 RE	6/26/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,081		\$19,865.00	\$1,519.00	\$18,346.00	339	8.31%	\$58.60	\$0.08	\$13.08	\$4.48
1307 RE	7/22/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,970		\$20,137.00	\$1,478.00	\$18,659.00	384	7.73%	\$52.44	\$0.07	\$13.62	\$3.85
1308 RE	8/30/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,151		\$13,298.00	\$1,775.68	\$11,522.32	275	5.34%	\$48.36	\$0.13	\$7.49	\$6.46
1309 RE	9/24/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,619		\$16,495.00	\$1,573.00	\$14,922.00	318	5.66%	\$51.87	\$0.10	\$10.49	\$4.95
1310 RE	10/30/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,346		\$13,660.00	\$1,538.34	\$12,121.66	249	4.66%	\$54.86	\$0.11	\$8.88	\$6.18
1311 RE	11/15/13	Please Renew Your Mem	5,075		\$9,379.00	\$1,793.20	\$7,585.80	127	2.50%	\$73.85	\$0.19	\$5.23	\$14.12
1312 RE	12/31/13	Please Renew Your Mem	4,453		\$8,685.00	\$1,805.98	\$6,879.02	157	3.53%	\$55.32	\$0.21	\$4.81	\$11.50
Subtotal Renewals			56,561		\$172,851.49	\$21,146.24	\$151,705.25	3297	5.83%	\$52.43	\$0.12	\$8.17	\$6.41
Lapsed													
1308 LA	9/4/13	Please Renew Your Mem	39,057	long term expired	\$17,854.00	\$14,021.00	\$17,309.00	374	0.96%	\$47.74	\$0.79	\$1.27	\$37.49
1312 LA			25,000	long term expired	\$7,645.00		\$1,310.00	181	0.72%	\$42.24	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
Subtotal Lapsed			64,057		\$25,499.00	\$14,021.00	\$11,478.00	555	0.87%	\$45.94	\$0.55	\$1.82	\$25.26
Prospecting													
1311 PR	12/4/13		40,610		\$7,591.00	\$10,492.00	-\$2,901.00	152					
Subtotal Prospecting			40,610		\$7,591.00	\$10,492.00	-\$2,901.00	152	0.37%	\$49.94	\$1.38	\$0.72	\$69.03
WEB													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$31,149.00		\$31,149.00	452		\$68.91			
Web New Members		New Members			\$85,850.00		\$85,850.00	2,394		\$35.86			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$137,101.00		\$137,101.00	2,761		\$49.66			
WHITE MAIL													
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$45,252.00		\$45,252.00	130		\$348.09			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$11,135.00		\$11,135.00	187		\$59.55			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$310,487.00		\$310,487.00	5,924		\$52.41			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
1310 facebook		online		facebook	\$1,260.00		\$1,260.00	46		\$27.39			
1311 Ballot Fund		piryx		email list	\$28,256.78		\$28,256.78	586		\$48.22			
2013 GRAND TOTAL					\$785,514.47	\$123,651.95	\$661,862.52	13122		\$59.86			

2012 Appeals (as of 2013-06-30)													
House													
1201 HO	2/6/12	Ron Paul Effect	29,725	House + Vols + lapsed	\$41,902.00	\$9,345.50	\$32,556.50	346	1.16%	\$121.10	\$0.22	\$4.48	\$27.01
1204-1 HO	4/16/12	BA urgent	18,937	House	\$13,388.00	\$4,452.42	\$8,935.58	201	1.06%	\$66.61	\$0.33	\$3.01	\$22.15
1205 HO	6/9/12	Annual Report	19,956	2011 constituents	\$25,213.00	\$8,867.31	\$16,345.69	330	1.65%	\$76.40	\$0.35	\$2.84	\$26.87
1206 HO	6/20/12	ARF - BA Alert	19,956	2011 constituents	\$15,124.00	\$6,044.14	\$9,079.86	222	1.11%	\$68.13	\$0.40	\$2.50	\$27.23
1207 HO	8/6/12	Don't let this hold back..	25,494	house + Vols + GJ	\$33,261.00	\$8,014.65	\$25,246.35	388	1.52%	\$85.72	\$0.24	\$4.15	\$20.66
1209 HO	9/13/12	Urgent Libertarian Message	32,776	house + Vols + GJ + lapsed	\$19,684.00	\$9,911.26	\$9,772.74	320	0.98%	\$61.51	\$0.50	\$1.99	\$30.97
1210 HO	10/4/12	If all americans knew	21,909	house + GJ	\$16,646.00	\$7,147.73	\$9,498.27	182	0.83%	\$91.46	\$0.43	\$2.33	\$39.27
1210-2 HO	10/30/12	Is this the ..Good News..?	22,333	house + GJ	\$11,461.00	\$7,060.00	\$4,401.00	134	0.60%	\$85.53	\$0.62	\$1.62	\$52.69
1211 HO	11/26/12	foot stompin, smil making..	20,650	house 18 + GJ	\$12,079.00	\$6,295.00	\$5,784.00	166	0.80%	\$72.77	\$0.52	\$1.92	\$37.92
1212 HO	12/31/12	You gotta see this: can't fail	18,773	house 18 + GJ less pledgers	\$16,595.00	\$6,072.00	\$10,523.00	0	0.00%	#DIV/0!	\$0.37	\$2.73	#DIV/0!
Subtotal House			230,509		\$205,353.00	\$73,210.01	\$132,142.99	2,289	0.99%	\$89.71	\$0.36	\$2.80	\$31.98
2012 LP NEWS	VARIES				\$625.00			9	#DIV/0!	\$69.44			
Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News			230,509		\$205,978.00	\$73,210.01	\$132,767.99	2,298	1.00%	\$89.63	\$0.36	\$2.81	\$31.86
Renewals													
1201 RE	1/9/12	Please Renew Your Mem	3,294		\$14,440.00	\$1,029.11	\$13,410.89	285	8.65%	\$50.67	\$0.07	\$14.03	\$3.61
1202 RE	2/8/12	Please Renew Your Mem	3,327		\$12,431.00	\$1,029.75	\$11,401.25	263	7.91%	\$47.27	\$0.08	\$12.07	\$3.92
1203 RE	3/17/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,675		\$16,157.00	\$1,223.42	\$14,933.58	302	6.46%	\$53.50	\$0.08	\$13.21	\$4.05
1204 RE	4/12/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,654		\$13,419.00	\$1,222.00	\$12,197.00	290	6.23%	\$46.27	\$0.09	\$10.98	\$4.21
1205 RE	6/2/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,371		\$11,700.00	\$1,179.99	\$10,520.01	256	5.86%	\$45.70	\$0.10	\$9.92	\$4.61
1206 RE	7/2/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,606		\$13,195.00	\$1,208.00	\$11,987.00	256	5.56%	\$51.54	\$0.09	\$10.92	\$4.72
1207 RE		Please Renew Your Mem			\$0.00		\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
1208 RE	8/7/12	Please Renew Your Mem	5,347		\$26,746.00	\$1,313.93	\$25,432.07	519	9.71%	\$51.53	\$0.05	\$20.36	\$2.53
1209 RE	9/21/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,865		\$16,738.00	\$1,245.97	\$15,492.03	334	6.87%	\$50.11	\$0.07	\$13.43	\$3.73
1210 RE	10/16/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,308		\$13,863.00	\$1,170.19	\$12,692.81	275	6.38%	\$50.41	\$0.08	\$11.85	\$4.26
1211 RE	11/16/12	Please Renew Your Mem	3,863		\$6,805.00	\$1,208.00	\$5,597.00	157	4.06%	\$43.34	\$0.18	\$5.63	\$7.69
1212 RE	12/22/12	Please Renew Your Mem	4,325		\$18,880.00	\$1,163.00	\$17,717.00	387	8.95%	\$48.79	\$0.06	\$16.23	\$3.01
Subtotal Renewals			47,635		\$164,374.00	\$12,993.36	\$151,380.64	3324	6.98%	\$49.45	\$0.08	\$12.65	\$3.91
Lapsed													
1206 LA	7/3/12	Why haven't you been told	21,693		\$2,330.00	\$5,997.00	-\$3,667.00	51	0.24%	\$45.69	\$2.57	\$0.39	\$117.59
							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
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							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Subtotal Lapsed			21,693		\$2,330.00	\$5,997.00	-\$3,667.00	51	0.24%	\$45.69	\$2.57	\$0.39	\$117.59
Prospecting													
							\$0.00		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Subtotal Prospecting			0		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
WEB													
Web Contributions		Donations			\$98,840.00		\$98,840.00	1,134		\$87.16			
Web New Members		New Members			\$138,345.00		\$138,345.00	3,533		\$39.16			
Web Renewals		Renewal Memberships			\$131,507.00		\$131,507.00	2,372		\$55.44			
WHITE MAIL													
White Mail Contributions		Donations			\$46,323.00		\$46,323.00	182		\$254.52			
White Mail for Membership		Membership			\$15,549.00		\$15,549.00	199		\$78.14			
Subtotal for Web and White Mail					\$430,564.00		\$430,564.00	7,420		\$58.03			
SPECIAL PROJECTS													
doorhangers										#DIV/0!			
lapsed member intern calling										#DIV/0!			
2012 GRAND TOTAL					\$803,246.00	\$92,200.37	\$711,045.63	15,382		\$52.22			

Official Mailing Name	Drop Date	Topic and Purpose	# of Pieces	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of	Percent	Average Gift	Cost to	ROI	Cost per
<b>2011 Appeals (as of 2012-04-30)</b>													
<b>House</b>													
1101 HO	1/11/11	election results 2010	24,991		\$33,934.00	\$8,770.26	\$25,163.74	492	1.97%	\$68.97	\$0.26	\$3.87	\$17.83
1102 HO	3/3/11	Hinkle Urgent	19,812		\$22,445.00	\$7,199.86	\$15,245.14	388	1.96%	\$57.85	\$0.32	\$3.12	\$18.56
1103 HO	4/7/11	annual report 2010	21,603		\$51,624.00	\$15,926.89	\$35,697.11	429	1.99%	\$120.34	\$0.31	\$3.24	\$37.13
1105 HO	5/5/11	Tea Party is over	20,118		\$17,351.00	\$7,122.27	\$10,228.73	311	1.55%	\$55.79	\$0.41	\$2.44	\$22.90
1106 HO	6/11/11	Declaration - July 4	19,999		\$10,246.00	\$4,532.48	\$5,713.52	197	0.99%	\$52.01	\$0.44	\$2.26	\$23.01
1108 HO	8/6/11	Yellow Urgent	19,928		\$37,625.00	\$8,026.24	\$29,598.76	561	2.82%	\$67.07	\$0.21	\$4.69	\$14.31
1109 HO	9/27/11	Ballot Access	29,933		\$26,891.00	\$7,123.45	\$19,767.55	337	1.13%	\$79.80	\$0.26	\$3.77	\$21.14
1110 HO	10/31/11	Paul Petition	49,893		\$43,473.00	\$13,092.55	\$30,380.45	583	1.17%	\$74.57	\$0.30	\$3.32	\$22.46
1112 HO	12/19/12	Survey Enclosed	19,711		\$29,547.00	\$6,674.00	\$22,873.00	468	2.37%	\$63.13	\$0.23	\$4.43	\$14.26
<b>Sub House Appeals</b>			<b>225,988</b>		<b>\$273,136.00</b>	<b>\$78,468.00</b>	<b>\$194,668.00</b>	<b>3,766</b>	<b>1.67%</b>	<b>\$72.53</b>	<b>\$0.29</b>	<b>\$3.48</b>	<b>\$20.84</b>
2011 LP NEWS	VARIES				\$4,325.00			88		\$49.15			
<b>Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News</b>			<b>225,988</b>		<b>\$277,461.00</b>	<b>\$78,468.00</b>	<b>\$198,993.00</b>	<b>3,854</b>	<b>1.71%</b>	<b>\$71.99</b>	<b>\$0.28</b>	<b>\$3.54</b>	<b>\$20.36</b>
<b>Renewals</b>													
1101 RE	1/18/11	Please Renew Your Mem	5,682		\$24,450.00	\$1,744.96	\$22,705.04	524	9.22%	\$46.66	\$0.07	\$14.01	\$3.33
1102 RE	2/25/11	Please Renew Your Mem	5,467		\$19,966.00	\$4,279.63	\$15,686.37	424	7.76%	\$47.09	\$0.21	\$4.67	\$10.09
1104 RE	4/14/11	Please Renew Your Mem	5,425		\$25,807.00	\$1,574.30	\$24,232.70	524	9.66%	\$49.25	\$0.06	\$16.39	\$3.00
1105 RE	5/20/11	Please Renew Your Mem	4,728		\$15,471.00	\$1,226.65	\$14,244.35	321	6.79%	\$48.20	\$0.08	\$12.61	\$3.82
1107 RE	7/10/11	Please Renew Your Mem	5,311		\$28,427.00	\$1,404.00	\$27,023.00	538	10.13%	\$52.84	\$0.05	\$20.25	\$2.61
1108 RE	8/25/11	Please Renew Your Mem	4,102		\$17,396.00	\$3,223.00	\$14,173.00	369	9.00%	\$47.14	\$0.19	\$5.40	\$8.73
1109 RE	9/13/11	Please Renew Your Mem	3,839		\$16,184.00	\$1,139.48	\$15,044.52	314	8.18%	\$51.54	\$0.07	\$13.96	\$3.63
1110 RE	10/8/11	Please Renew Your Mem	3,975		\$16,047.00	\$1,159.01	\$14,887.99	336	8.45%	\$47.76	\$0.07	\$14.99	\$3.45
1111 RE	11/17/11	Please Renew Your Mem	3,355		\$8,906.00	\$1,070.81	\$7,835.19	171	5.10%	\$52.08	\$0.12	\$8.32	\$6.26
1112 RE	12/5/12	Please Renew Your Mem	3,361		\$9,259.00	\$1,038.14	\$8,220.86	199	5.92%	\$46.53	\$0.11	\$8.92	\$5.22
<b>Subtotal Renewals</b>			<b>45,245</b>		<b>\$181,913.00</b>	<b>\$17,859.98</b>	<b>\$164,053.02</b>	<b>3720</b>	<b>8.22%</b>	<b>\$48.90</b>	<b>\$0.10</b>	<b>\$10.19</b>	<b>\$4.80</b>
<b>Lapsed</b>													
1104 LA	4/14/11	Please renew & free book	1,883		\$175.00		\$175.00	4	0.21%	\$43.75	\$0.00	#DIV/0!	\$0.00
1104 LA 02	5/5/11	Please renew & free book	20,118		\$12,325.00	\$6,371.61	\$5,953.39	246	1.22%	\$50.10	\$0.52	\$1.93	\$25.90
1109 LA	9/27/11	Renew or why not-survey	49,915		\$10,358.00	\$13,513.23	-\$3,155.23	262	0.52%	\$39.53	\$1.30	\$0.77	\$51.58
<b>Subtotal Lapsed</b>			<b>71,916</b>		<b>\$22,858.00</b>	<b>\$19,884.84</b>	<b>\$2,973.16</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>0.71%</b>	<b>\$44.64</b>	<b>\$0.87</b>	<b>\$1.15</b>	<b>\$38.84</b>
<b>Prospecting</b>													
1104 PR	5/7/11		26,145		\$7,319.00	\$9,256.00	-\$1,937.00	149	0.57%	\$49.12	\$1.26	\$0.79	\$62.12
1108 PR	8/24/11		50,000		\$4,300.00	\$12,467.45	-\$8,167.45	87	0.17%	\$49.43	\$2.90	\$0.34	\$143.30
1111 PR	11/10/11		58,438		\$10,618.00	\$14,001.81	-\$3,383.81	196	0.34%	\$54.17	\$1.32	\$0.76	\$71.44
<b>Subtotal Prospecting</b>			<b>76,145</b>		<b>\$22,237.00</b>	<b>\$21,723.45</b>	<b>\$513.55</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>0.57%</b>	<b>\$51.47</b>	<b>\$0.98</b>	<b>\$1.02</b>	<b>\$50.29</b>
<b>WEB</b>													
<b>Web Contributions</b>		Donations			\$44,983.74		\$44,983.74	655		\$68.68			
<b>Web New Members</b>		New Members			\$66,843.00		\$66,843.00	1,675		\$39.91			
<b>Web Renewals</b>		Renewal Memberships			\$132,949.10		\$132,949.10	2,823		\$47.09			
<b>WHITE MAIL</b>													
<b>White Mail Contributions</b>		Donations			\$52,080.55		\$52,080.55	216		\$241.11			
<b>White Mail for Membership</b>		Membership			\$16,360.35		\$16,360.35	237		\$69.03			
<b>Subtotal for Web and White Mail</b>					\$313,216.74		\$313,216.74	<b>5,606</b>		<b>\$55.87</b>			
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>													
<b>Directlinerenewal calling</b>					\$19,816.50	\$15,000.00	\$4,816.50	475		\$41.72			
<b>2011 GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$837,502.24</b>	<b>\$152,936.27</b>	<b>\$684,565.97</b>	<b>18,365</b>		<b>\$45.60</b>			

Official Mailing Name	Drop Date	Topic and Purpose	# of Pieces	Target Population	Gross Revenue	Total Costs	Net Revenue	No of	Percent	Average Gift	Cost to	ROI	Cost per
<b>2010 Appeals (as of</b>													
<b>House</b>													
1001-HO Ballot Access	2/21/10	Ballot Access	28,658	last gift date 2006 - current	\$31,429.00	\$8,657.87	\$22,771.13	463	1.62%	\$67.88	\$0.28	\$3.63	\$18.70
1003 HO Annual Report	4/7/10	Annual Report	21,574	Donors or members during 2009	\$34,763.11	\$6,637.58	\$28,125.53	428	1.98%	\$81.22	\$0.19	\$5.24	\$15.51
1005 HO AR followup	6/5/10	Annual Report followup	16,046	rec'd 1003 HO, no donation in 2010	\$6,728.43	\$4,317.06	\$2,411.37	139	0.87%	\$48.41	\$0.64	\$1.56	\$31.06
1007 HO	7/31/10	742 candidates-Please help	39,980	active donor list with 5 years of lapsed	\$35,204.55	\$13,150.31	\$22,054.24	539	1.35%	\$65.31	\$0.37	\$2.68	\$24.40
1009 HO doorhanger	9/23/10	doorhanger mailing	30,071	active donor list with 3 years of lapsed	\$14,642.00	\$13,663.65	\$978.35	354	1.18%	\$41.36	\$0.93	\$1.07	\$38.60
1010 HO	10/26/10	plain envelope gram	14,880	active donor list	\$15,906.32	\$4,550.31	\$11,356.01	247	1.66%	\$64.40	\$0.29	\$3.50	\$18.42
<b>Subtotal House Appeals</b>			<b>151,209</b>		<b>\$138,673.41</b>	<b>\$50,976.78</b>	<b>\$76,340.62</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>1.44%</b>	<b>\$63.90</b>	<b>\$0.37</b>	<b>\$2.72</b>	<b>\$23.49</b>
2010 LP NEWS	VARIES		62,557		\$22,022.21			186	0.30%	\$118.40			
<b>Subtotal House Appeals Incl. LP News</b>			<b>213,766</b>		<b>\$160,695.62</b>	<b>\$50,976.78</b>	<b>\$109,718.84</b>	<b>2,356</b>	<b>1.10%</b>	<b>\$68.21</b>	<b>\$0.32</b>	<b>\$3.15</b>	<b>\$21.64</b>
<b>Renewals</b>													
1001 RE	2/12/10		2,612		\$14,776.00	\$961.61	\$13,814.39	323	12.37%	\$45.75	\$0.07	\$15.37	\$2.98
1002 RE	3/16/10		2,796		\$15,474.99	\$1,199.92	\$14,275.07	322	11.52%	\$48.06	\$0.08	\$12.90	\$3.73
1004 RE	4/9/10		4,181		\$21,074.44	\$1,049.52	\$20,024.92	479	11.46%	\$44.00	\$0.05	\$20.08	\$2.19
1005 RE	6/5/10		4,138		\$17,697.00	\$943.46	\$16,753.54	372	8.99%	\$47.57	\$0.05	\$18.76	\$2.54
1007 RE	7/10/10		6,190		\$31,053.98	\$1,110.67	\$29,943.31	681	11.00%	\$45.60	\$0.04	\$27.96	\$1.63
1008 RE	8/21/10		4,614		\$21,644.00	\$1,110.57	\$20,533.43	460	9.97%	\$47.05	\$0.05	\$19.49	\$2.41
1010 RE	10/7/10		5,594		\$28,735.00	\$1,248.57	\$27,486.43	601	10.74%	\$47.81	\$0.04	\$23.01	\$2.08
1011 RE	12/4/10		5,287		\$15,773.00	\$1,438.98	\$14,334.02	357	6.75%	\$44.18	\$0.09	\$10.96	\$4.03
<b>Subtotal Renewals</b>			<b>35,412</b>		<b>\$166,228.41</b>	<b>\$9,063.30</b>	<b>\$157,165.11</b>	<b>3595</b>	<b>10.15%</b>	<b>\$46.24</b>	<b>\$0.05</b>	<b>\$18.34</b>	<b>\$2.52</b>
<b>Lapsed</b>													
1002 LA	3/20/10	bumpersticker mailing	18,466	expired between 2006-2009	\$21,336.00	\$6,247.61	\$15,088.39	324	1.75%	\$65.85	\$0.29	\$3.42	\$19.28
1005 LA	5/15/10	please renew	78,696	expired 1998-2009	\$24,059.69	\$17,039.51	\$7,020.18	555	0.71%	\$43.35	\$0.71	\$1.41	\$30.70
1007 LA	7/20/10		24,731		\$6,675.00	\$8,647.18	-\$1,972.18	135	0.55%	\$49.44	\$1.30	\$0.77	\$64.05
1011 LA	11/16/10		95,411		\$19,439.00	\$29,564.21	-\$10,125.21	386	0.40%	\$50.36	\$1.52	\$0.66	\$76.59
<b>Subtotal Lapsed</b>			<b>217,304</b>		<b>\$71,509.69</b>	<b>\$61,498.51</b>	<b>\$10,011.18</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>0.64%</b>	<b>\$51.08</b>	<b>\$0.86</b>	<b>\$1.16</b>	<b>\$43.93</b>
<b>Prospecting</b>													
1005 PR	6/12/10	D's & R's are the problem, join the LP	58,821	Reason, Independent Inst, 2006-2010 inquiries	\$10,166.00	\$14,860.42	-\$4,694.42	244	0.41%	\$41.66	\$1.46	\$0.68	\$60.90
<b>Subtotal Prospecting</b>			<b>58,821</b>		<b>\$10,166.00</b>	<b>\$14,860.42</b>	<b>-\$4,694.42</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>0.41%</b>	<b>\$41.66</b>	<b>\$1.46</b>	<b>\$0.68</b>	<b>\$60.90</b>
<b>WEB</b>													
<b>Web Contributions</b>		Donations			\$70,636.30		\$70,636.30	1,392		\$50.74			
<b>Web New Members</b>		New Members			\$88,301.00		\$88,301.00	2,175		\$40.60			
<b>Web Renewals</b>		Renewal Memberships			\$131,026.00		\$131,026.00	2,781		\$47.11			
<b>WHITE MAIL</b>													
<b>White Mail Contributions</b>		Donations			\$66,023.81		\$64,932.81	161		\$410.09			
<b>White Mail for Membership</b>		Membership			\$9,316.60		\$8,576.60	168		\$55.46			
<b>Subtotal for Web and White Mail</b>					<b>\$365,303.71</b>		<b>\$365,303.71</b>	<b>6,677</b>		<b>\$54.71</b>			
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>													
doorhangers					\$11,105.94			311		\$35.71			
lapsed member intern calling					\$1,350.00			28		\$48.21			
<b>2010 GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$786,359.37</b>	<b>\$136,399.01</b>	<b>\$649,960.36</b>	<b>16,781</b>		<b>\$46.86</b>			

# **LNC Political Director & LP Communications Report**

**December 2016**

**Prepared by Carla Howell**

## **Key stats**

- There are 142 elected Libertarians as of the November 8 election
- Around 600 Libertarian candidates were on the November 8, 2016 ballot.
- The following individuals in LP state affiliates are pursuing better ballot access laws:
  - Alabama: Paul Frankel
  - Arkansas: Michael Pakko
  - Illinois: Scott Schluter
  - Kansas: Attorney Mark P. Johnson and Richard Winger likely filing lawsuit to challenge arbitrary decision by SOS to exclude LP from upcoming special election for US House.
  - Massachusetts: Dan Fishman. Minnesota: SL Malleck
  - New Jersey: Patrick McKnight
  - Ohio: Richard Winger suggested that Nick Sarwark speak with Brad Smith, former FEC now professor at Capital U. Law School in Columbus
  - Pennsylvania: pending lawsuit will force legislation
  - Rhode Island: Pat Ford
  - Tennessee: Heather Scott (soon sending letter to SOS) and Daniel Lewis
  - Texas: Lauren Daugherty, Anastacia Wilford
- Note that LPMA may participate with a recently-formed group that is seriously considering a ballot initiative to pass Ranked Choice voting in Massachusetts. Dan Fishman, Political Director, and Chair Cris Crawford attended the first meeting and hope to get a Libertarian on the group's board.

## **Projects and one-time activities:**

- Oversaw ballot drives in PA, DC and MA; assisted with NH.
- Gathered input from candidates and others and formulated 15 pledges for federal candidates; 15 pledges for state, and 7 pledges for local office. Sent several surveys to candidates to choose which, if any, pledges they wished to make. Wrote talking points supporting each pledge Posted a list of candidates who made each pledge along with their respective talking points to LP.org. Issued several press releases announcing them.
- Sought and booked LP media coverage: Got Nicholas Sarwark booked on Stossel show. Convinced Reason to write an article about candidate pledges and to

generally cover LP candidate more. Got antiwar.com agreement to publish a column by Gary Johnson.

- Helped with transition to new website.
- Helped arrange for state affiliates to identify or appoint individuals or committees to lobby for better ballot access laws, especially in states where LP not recognized.
- May-November, fielded over 100 inquiries for Johnson / Weld campaign.

### **Regular activities:**

- Issue *LP News* every two months. Edit and write articles. Elizabeth Brierly does layout and assists with editing.
- Compile and edit monthly issues of *Liberty Pledge*. Elizabeth Brierly does layout and assists with editing.
- With Bob Johnston, support candidates and affiliates. Bob addresses ballot access and reporting requirements for both candidates and affiliates. Carla coaches candidates, does research and helps to develop talking points and to prepare for media interviews and debates.
- Write, format, send emails to General list via iContact, usually compilations of recent blogs and special announcements. Elizabeth Brierly formats and helps edit.
- Write and issue news releases (post to LP.org; send to media and General list)
- Help Bob Johnston, who oversees the effort, to edit and write blogs. With dramatically more media coverage and more to talk about during the election, we were able to post 1-3 blogs/day for much of the year. Have cut back to about five per week post-election as news coverage, as is typical, drops dramatically this time of year.
- Respond to TV, radio and print inquiries – book Nick when available. Take, or arrange for others to take, remaining interviews.
- Support state chairs and key state activists in candidate recruitment; recruit individual candidates when opportunities arise
- With Bob Johnston, correspond with elected Libertarians.
- Respond to incoming emails, phone calls and occasionally meet with walk-in or scheduled visitors at headquarters
- Lead sessions of Who's Driving
- Assist with state ballot access, lawsuits, petitioning issues as needed.
- Attend DC-area events and keep in contact with key libertarian organizations and allies
- Miscellaneous admin: e.g. update/create iContact lists, help maintain candidate contacts spreadsheet and list of candidates to cover; misc. LP.org updates
- Occasionally write or help with fundraising appeals, appeals to major donors

- Maintain relationship with VoiceAmerica to sustain LP's free access to show *Libertarians Working For You*.
- Give speeches to student groups in DC area or at headquarters.
- Oversaw posting of Facebook memes to LP.org until this portion of LP.org home page was supplanted by LPStore (and then new website).

## **Press Releases since last compilation in staff reports**

Includes 17 initiated by Rachel Mills or Lauren Daugherty

- Victory!
- Libertarian candidates pledge to downsize U.S. military
- Libertarian candidates pledge to contain and reduce government authority
- Libertarian candidates pledge to localize education
- Compare and contrast: Gov. Gary Johnson vs. Sec. Hillary Clinton vs. Donald Trump
- Libertarian chair invites outraged Trump loyalists to split their tickets
- Open Letter to Governor Mike Pence
- CPD shuts out millions of voters again
- Libertarian Gary Johnson Garners More Major Newspaper Endorsements
- Libertarians pledge big tax cuts, ending the Fed, and government financial transparency
- Libertarian Party comments on upcoming Presidential Debate
- Libertarian candidates pledge to advance civil liberties
- GSA Denies National Security Briefings to Gary Johnson
- Libertarian Party: CPD decides to make their first debates irrelevant
- Success! Libertarians on ballot in all 50 states, first since 1996
- Libertarian Party Requests National Security Briefings for Johnson/Weld
- Libertarian Party Chair Rebukes Obama Administration, DEA
- Libertarian Party to Democrats: It's cruel to be kind
- No one should be above the law.
- In wake of Orlando shooting, Libertarian Party calls for end to 'gun-free' zones
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- Libertarian federal candidates pledge to end crony capitalism
- LNC Chair's comments on DEA scheduling of kratom like heroin
- Number of Debate Podiums Not Known
- Tim Kaine's hometown paper endorses Gary Johnson
- Open Letter to IAVA from LNC Chair
- Libertarian Party clears hurdles for ballot access in Ohio, New York
- Libertarian Party Chair Rebukes Obama Administration, DEA
- Libertarian Party to Democrats: It's cruel to be kind
- Did Ted Cruz just endorse Gary Johnson?
- Jeb and Mitt, we welcome your vote and admire your courage!
- Libertarian Party Calls for an End to All Violence
- No one should be above the law.
- Libertarian Party: The Draft is Slavery. End it.
- The Libertarian Party opposes the No Fly No Buy bill and other restrictions without due process
- In wake of Orlando shooting, Libertarian Party calls for end to 'gun-free' zones
- Libertarian presidential candidate named; VP balloting underway
- Bernie Sanders supporters have a choice: Libertarian Johnson advocates civil liberties, peace, ending cronyism
- Libertarian presidential candidates' debate
- Libertarian Party kicks off presidential nominating convention
- Gov. William Weld wins Libertarian VP nomination
- Another state legislator quits GOP, joins Libertarian Party
- Libertarian Party holds VP debate; votes overwhelmingly to oppose death penalty
- Libertarian National Convention to be held May 27–30 in Orlando
- Libertarian presidential candidate polls at 10% in three-way race
- How the Libertarian Party selects its presidential, VP nominees
- Bad news, good news for Cruz, Kasich supporters
- Libertarian presidential debate to air on Stossel Show Tonight
- Libertarian Party will be on November ballot in Oklahoma
- Libertarian presidential debate to air on Stossel Show in April
- Libertarian Party Welcomes Refugees from the Republican and Democratic Parties

## **LP National Media coverage**

2016 smashed records for LP media coverage nationwide. There were periods when volume overwhelmed staff and individual hits were not logged. Here's a partial list since February 17:

12/7 Sarwark - Ernie Hancock

12/6 Vohra - Freelance reporter Samantha Lee: Will Trump deregulate

11/29 Sarwark - "The American Immigrant." podcast

11/22 Benedict - Wash Times LP - very positive by J Harper

11/22 Vohra - IPR - Post election survey of third party leaders part 1  
11/18 Sarwark - The Libertarian Republic  
11/16 Sarwark - National Interest  
11/15 Sarwark - CLE - Prison Law webcast  
11/14 Sarwark - Out Front magazine  
11/14 Howell - Bulldog Tribune  
11/13 Vohra - RT TV  
11/11 Howell - WSJ Bryan Tau  
11/11 Sarwark - with Jeremy Duda  
11/10 Sarwark - Moldow – Backwordz  
11/9 Sarwark - nmpoliticalreport.com  
11/8 Sarwark - David Webb Show  
11/8 Howell - Zach - Capital News Service  
11/7 Howell - RT TV election

**(several not logged in this period)**

11/3 Sarwark - RT TV  
10/30 Larry Sharpe on WFSB CBS Hartford  
10/29 Sarwark - Stossel  
10/26 Sarwark - Joey Svendsen podcast  
10/24 Howell - NJ Advance Media/The Star-Ledger  
10/24 Sarwark - Bryant University's newspaper  
10/24 Sarwark - National Journal  
10/19 Howell - G Holmes Braddock HS paper  
10/19 Sarwark - Joe Salzone radio  
10/19 Sarwark - UNLV Lee Gilford interview  
10/19 Vohra - RT TV on Julian Assange losing internet  
10/18 Sarwark - Reason interview podcast w/ Nick Gillespie  
10/18 Sarwark - National Journal  
10/18 Howell - 2 outlets in Richmond plus RT TV for OAI rally  
10/10 Sarwark - Archway Paper  
10/13 Sarwark - WNTK radio  
10/11 Sarwark - Reason  
10/11 Howell - Liberty Talk radio  
10/11 Sarwark - Scott Sands show  
10/9 Vohra - RT TV  
10/7 Sarwark - Cronkite News / PBS AZ  
10/5 Howell - Hot Air  
10/5 Sarwark - Eyeopener  
10/6 staff Scandinavian press LPHQ  
10/3 Sarwark - Youtoo America  
9/29 Howell - The New Tropic (FL)  
9/29 Howell - Press TV  
9/28 Sarwark - Freedom Works- Paul Molloy  
9/28 Sarwark - Being Libertarian podcast  
9/27 James Lark on RT TV  
9/26 Sarwark - Al Jazeera English

9/26 Sarwark - The Blaze  
9/26 Sarwark - Fox 17 W Michigan  
9/26 Sarwark - Scott Sands show  
9/26 Sarwark - Steele & Unger  
9/26 Sarwark - Doc Thompson post-debate show  
9/25 Howell - RT TV  
9/22 Howell - NBC MT  
9/21 Sarwark - LA Times - AZ polls  
9/21 Sarwark - KGVO News - Fellows  
9/21 Sarwark - ABC/Fox MT - Mike Fellows passing  
9/20 Howell - AU student  
9/19 Sarwark - French Nouvel Obseserve.  
9/19 Sarwark, Howell - Food Processing mag.  
9/15 Sarwark - RT TV  
9/14 Sarwark - Wash Times  
9/14 Howell - Lifezette  
9/13 Howell - MSNBC Rachel Maddow background info on RI  
9/12 Howell - RT TV  
9/12 Vohra - RT TV  
9/9 Benedict - Newsmax  
9/7 and 9/9 Sarwark - Reason - IAVA forum  
9/8 Sarwark - Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, WY  
9/7 Sarwark - Cloakroom Q&A  
9/7 Howell - Newsmax  
9/2 Howell - Our Weekly on ballot access  
9/1 Sarwark - mic.com  
8/31 Vohra - New Food Economy mag  
8/31 Sarwark - Reddit AMA  
8/27 Howell - RT TV on effect of Johnson in debates  
8/25 Howell - WMFE Orlando NPR  
8/23 Howell - Detroit News  
8/15 Vohra - Rio outlet  
8/9 Howell - The Villager  
8.9 Howell - AP Ohio on ballot access  
8/9 Sarwark - MPR  
8.9 Sarwark - Michael Smerconish Program on Bipartisan Policy Center in DC  
8/5 Sarwark - Michael Steele  
8/5 Howell - WVON radio Chicago  
8/9 Sarwark - MN Public Radio mpr.org  
8/4 Lorenzo Gaztanaga CNN - Spanish speaking  
**(several Sarwark interviews not logged)**  
8/3 Howell - Press TV  
8/3 Ruben Corvalan CNN - Spanish speaking  
8/3 Howell - NY Times - questions on Ls and liberals joining to fight NIMBY  
8/3 James Lark, Howell - Pittsburgh Post Gazette on PA stand-ins  
8/3 Howell - Hot Air

8/3 Vohra - Doha.Lt Lithuania  
8/2 Howell - AP PA on LPPA candidates, stand-in status  
8/1 Sarwark - Climate Home – UK news service  
8/1 Sarwark - Fox News  
7/29 Vohra - Exame Magazine, located in Brazil  
7/29 Sarwark - Gotham Gazette  
7/27 Benedict - Fusion on LP membership  
7/27 Howell - Independent Journal Review  
7/27 Sarwark - on Brian Thomas' show  
7/27 Sarwark - America's off the Rails (fmrly K98Talk)  
7/26 Howell - Lifezette on polls  
7/25 Sarwark - Daily Caller  
7/24 Vohra - RT TV on DNC/Wikileaks emails  
7/23 Sarwark - BRM TV, France  
7/23 Howell - interview with freelance reporter Keith Komar  
7/22 Howell - NY Daily News for future publication  
7/22 Vohra - The ChatterBox FishBowl Radio Network  
7/21 Sarwark, Howell - CTV Canada  
7/21 Sarwark - The Y Factor radio  
7/20 Sarwark - Freedom Watch Malloy  
7/19 Howell - KIMT CBS Iowa on ballot access  
7/16 Howell - The Blaze  
7/11 Howell - Brazilian paper  
7/7 Sarwark - Col Springs Gazette  
7/7 Howell - RT TV  
7/8 Sarwark - KDPI, 88.5 Ketchum, Idaho  
7/8 Sarwark - Case in Point  
7/6 Sarwark - SiriusXM Patriot  
7/6 Sarwark, Benedict, Howell - Boston Mag for future publication  
6/30 Sarwark - interview with BF McLaughlin  
6/27 CNN – background info  
6/27 Howell - Tokyo Broadcasting onsite at LPHQ  
6/29 Howell - Cleveland Jewish News  
6/29 Howell - Cleveland.com  
6/22 Sarwark, Howell - Cleveland.com; picked up by MSNBC, The Hill, JTA  
6/22 Tokyo Broadcasting covering LP Nova Libertarians at Viewing Party  
6/23 Sarwark - Dimitri Vassilaros show  
6/24 Vohra - WHDT TV in Florida  
6/22 Howell - RT TV  
6/22 Benedict - CS Monitor  
6/20 Howell - Boston Globe  
6/20 Howell - PJ Media  
6/20 Sarwark - K98Talk  
6/20 Sarwark - San Diego Jewish World  
6/18 Howell - PJ Media  
6/17 Howell - Brian Thomas show

6/16 Howell - Weekly Standard  
6/16 Howell - CNHI Newspaper chain on Oklahoma ballot access  
6/15 Sarwark - Paul Molloy Show  
6/15 Tokyo Broadcast Systems - Japan TV  
6/14 – many outlets picked up press release, including Breitbart, Orlando, others  
5/27 Sarwark - WABE's Closer Look

**(dozens not logged in this period)**

5/25 LPPA Chair Shawn House on Paul Molloy  
5/24 Dow, CNN, Orlando Sentinel, Weekly Std, The Village Daily Sun, - and many more...  
5/23 CNN, ABC, NBC, PBS, NPR (2), Fox freelancer, Weekly Std, Slate, Boston Mag, WGBH, WSJ, Al Jazeera digital, and more

**5/20 (many not logged this day)**

5/20 Benedict - CNBC  
5/21 Benedict - Daily Caller  
5/19 Vohra - RT TV US probe of Russian athletes  
5/19 Sarwark - NM Political Report, others  
5/19 Sarwark, Howell - CNN, Politico, VICE, Orlando Sentinel, referrals for Weld: MSNBC, many for background info on convention  
5/19 Benedict - CNBC on Koch rumor of \$ for Johnson  
5/18 Howell - Deserette News, SLC, Utah  
5/18 Dan F Wash Times on matching funds  
5/18 Howell - FloridaPolitics.com  
5/18 Sarwark, Howell - NYT  
5/18 Sarwark - Florida public radio  
5/16 Howell - Voice of America  
5/16 Howell - The Telegram - Detroit  
5/15 Sarwark - Truthout  
5/13 Sarwark - Atlantic

**(many not logged in this period)**

5/20 TheBlaze TV LP candidates debate  
5/12 Sarwark - Slate  
5/11 Sarwark - Univision Miami  
5/11 Howell - Hearst  
5/12 Howell - Barry Armstrong WRKO  
5/12 LP candidate debate RT TV  
5/10 Howell - The Blaze published 5/16  
Early May Sarwark - KMID ABC Odessa, TX  
5/9 Benedict - Atlantic  
5/9 Howell - ASP  
5/9 Howell - Wash Post – background info  
5/9 Howell - Al Jazeera  
5/9 Sarwark - Truthout.org  
5/6 Howell - MSNBC  
5/5 Howell - Washington Times  
5/5 Howell - KTRH Houston

5/4 Benedict, Howell - Washington Times on LP membership increase  
 5/4 Howell - RT TV Flint water  
 5/4 Howell - ABC - LP convention  
 5/2 Howell - Liberty Talk Radio  
 5/3 Vohra - Rocking Politics  
 4/29 Howell - RT TV  
 4/22 Benedict - Wash Times  
 4/20 Howell - Adam Thompson  
 4/15 Sarwark - Wake Up 'Merica podcast  
 4/14 Howell - Dimitri Vassilaros show  
 4/7 Sarwark - Atlantic  
 4/8 Sarwark - WABE 90.1 Closer Look  
 4/5 Sarwark - Dartmouth newspaper  
 4/1 Sarwark, Benedict, Howell - Reason  
 4/1 and 4/17 LP candidate debates Stossel  
 3/31 Howell - CBS Toronto  
 3/28 Sarwark - Washington Times  
 3/28 Howell - IVN interview  
 4/3 Sarwark - USA Today  
 3/23 Sarwark - NBC News  
 3/22 Sarwark - Adam Thompson panel with Fred Barnes  
 3/21 Sarwark - WSJ  
 3/21 Sarwark - NYT  
 3/20 Sarwark - MSNBC  
 3/15 Martin Moulton - RT TV  
 3/21 Howell - Paul Molloy The Freedom Works re:Stossel debate  
 4/8 Sarwark - WABE 90.1 Atlanta's NPR Station  
 3/7 Vohra - Dimitri Vassilaros show  
 3/8 Howell - Dimitri Vassilaros show  
 3/3 Sarwark - MSNBC.com Anti-Trump forces' third party alternative  
 3/2 Sarwark - WXOT  
 3/10 Sarwark - Seldom Said, WCWP 88.1 FM Long Island  
 2/26 Howell - Press TV on GOP debate  
 2/25 Sarwark - Oklahoma print interview  
 2/24 Sarwark - FranceTV

## Blogs

- Kankakee County Board's Byrne Joins Libertarian Party of Illinois
- Libertarians File to Reclaim Party Status in Ohio
- Sitting Delaware councilman switches to Libertarian Party
- 15 Libertarian candidates won election on November 8
- St. Fleur using ballot measure to force city bankruptcy
- Indiana Libertarian op-ed: Approach to drug addiction isn't working
- Post Election Survey of Third Party Movement Leaders: Part One

- Washington Secretary of State Won't Recognize Libertarian Party
- Washington Times: Libertarian renaissance now underway
- Arizona Capitol Times interviews LNC chair Nicholas Sarwark
- Smart Politics: Joe Miller Shatters Libertarian US Senate Record While 8 Others Set New State Party Marks
- Seeking volunteers for Convention Oversight Committee – apply by December 7, 2016
- Seeking State Executive Directors – Apply Here
- Our next step
- Election update, party at headquarters, I.T. volunteers
- Daily Beast: Libertarians to America – Don't Blame Us for Trump
- Libertarian voter registrations hit 500,000
- Seeking volunteers for IT Committee – apply by November 23, 2016
- Ballot initiative revolutionizes voting in Maine
- Libertarian Johnson gets highest third party presidential vote total since billionaire Ross Perot in 1996
- Big ballot access wins for LP!
- New Jersey Libertarian interviewed by Huffington Post
- Seah Johnson: Vote For My Father
- Reason: Libertarian Party Races to Watch (Besides the Presidential Ticket)
- Richmond Times-Dispatch: Gary Johnson remains the best choice for president
- Two more newspapers endorse Gov. Gary Johnson for President
- Reason article on LP candidate pledges to shrink government
- Washington state newspaper endorses Gary Johnson for President
- Pause to thank Johnson & Weld
- Update: LNC chair to appear on Stossel Show Friday, November 4 at 10:00pm
- The Tennessean: Libertarian Johnson offers best hope for America's future
- Compare and contrast: Gov. Gary Johnson vs. Sec. Hillary Clinton vs. Donald Trump
- Libertarian for state house Tom Howell drives a Libertarian agenda in NC Channel interview
- ND Libertarian US Senate candidate advocates for individual over government in televised debate
- Arkansas Libertarian gives strong performance in debate
- Unopposed candidate Ben Backus elected to city council seat
- Undecided voters are ready for YOU
- Minnesota's Libertarian Party strives for victory: 5% of the state's votes
- Strong presence for Indiana LP US Senate candidate Brenton in 3-way debate
- Column points to vote for Libertarian calling for release of victimless drug offender
- Johnson run could push NM Libertarian Party into major party status
- New film 'Rigged 2016' featuring Gary Johnson available to view online
- Jon Bombach for comptroller aims to fix Baltimore's financial mess
- Dick Heller endorses DC Libertarian candidate

- Georgia Libertarian US Senate candidate polling at 11% in 3-way race; debate airs Oct. 23
- Texas LP candidate endorsed by the Star-Telegram and in debate on October 22
- Charleston Gazette-Mail endorses WV Libertarian for statewide office
- John Stossel: A Better Choice
- Johnson-Weld live-tweeting during debate, and on Jimmy Kimmel live Wednesday evening
- Reason interviews LP Chair on Gary Johnson LP future
- Libertarian Anderson for U.S. Senate to debate the debate tonight, Tuesday Oct 18
- The Daily Progress: Libertarian Party sees surge of new voters in Nebraska
- Libertarian for Judge running radio ads in Baltimore
- California Libertarian Honor Robson challenges state senator in two-way race
- LP News October 2016 issue is now online
- Libertarian for WA state rep Michelle Darnell dominates opponent in two candidate forums
- West Virginia Libertarian quoted in article on Secretary of State race
- The 10 most important ballot initiatives for Libertarians this November
- Jeffrey Tucker on why voting for Gary Johnson matters
- UNM College Republicans back Gary Johnson for President
- Cato: If Democrats Really Want to Poach Gary Johnson Voters
- Governor Gary Johnson's address to the University of Chicago
- Should Clinton withdraw, so she doesn't spoil the race for Libertarian Gary Johnson?
- Drew Carey joins Johnson Weld 2016 as honorary California chair
- Former LNC chair interviewed on RT television
- Lauren Daugherty of Texas LP interviewed on KCEN-TV
- Libertarian Kim Tavendale for Colorado state rep fighting to end crony capitalism
- Well-known political statistician: It's 'plausible' the election could end in a tie
- Washington Post article shows Gov. Gary Johnson a guardian of taxpayer money
- San Francisco Chronicle: Pelosi sees threat to Clinton from Libertarian candidate
- CNN: The media's hypocrisy on Gary Johnson
- LP Indiana won't back down after rigged presidential polling
- ABC Denver: Libertarians a 'huge problem' for Clinton, Trump in Colorado
- Libertarian Simmons takes on Democratic stronghold
- An Open Letter to President Barack Obama from the LNC vice chair
- Detroit News endorses Gary Johnson for President
- LNC chair interviewed on exclusion of Libertarian Johnson from debate
- Gary Johnson op-ed NY Times: Take a Deep Breath, Voters. There Is a Third Way.
- LNC vice chair: A minor league debate, focusing on minor league issues
- SALE! 1 week only - \$3 Yard Signs!
- McClatchy DC: Presidential debate may have helped Gary Johnson
- Sampling of Gary Johnson's Live Tweets During the Presidential Debate
- Indiana statewide Libertarians invited to debates



- LA Times: The presidential race in Arizona was already tight. Then voters started noticing Gary Johnson
- AOL News: Gary Johnson wants to get rid of the Department of Homeland Security
- Poll of U.S. military personnel: Gary Johnson and Donald Trump in 'dead heat'
- Weirton Daily Times interviews WV Libertarian John Buckley
- Gary Johnson Balanced Rebellion ad viewed over 23 million times online
- NBC polls puts Johnson ahead of Clinton and Trump among true independents
- Montana LP state chair and US House candidate dies in car accident
- Richmond Times-Dispatch: Let Gary Johnson debate
- Texas Libertarian receives third major newspaper endorsement
- Washington Libertarian Darnell receives major Republican endorsements
- Iowa Libertarians rallying for Gary Johnson
- Gary Johnson and Bill Weld on 60 Minutes on CBS Sunday 7:30p ET, 7:00p PT
- LNC Chair articulates Libertarian Party's standing in American politics on RT TV
- Libertarian Mark Miller endorsed by Dallas Morning News
- In first, New Hampshire Union-Leader endorses Libertarian for president
- Quinnipiac Poll: Johnson at 13%
- RT: Clinton's health not biggest problem of her campaign
- Columbus Dispatch: Open up the presidential debate
- Johnson/Weld full page ad to run in the New York Times on Wednesday
- Winston-Salem Journal endorses Gary Johnson
- PJ Media: Libertarian Party Candidates Pledge to End Crony Capitalism
- Libertarian Mark Miller endorsed by Houston Chronicle
- Former Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels to host talk with Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson at Purdue
- Spiked: Gary Johnson - a pro-freedom president?
- CNN to millennials: We're excluding you from the presidential poll
- Washington Times: Gary Johnson plans TV ads, looks to bolster debate hopes
- Washington Post: Gary Johnson - Our two-party system has failed, just like our founders said it would
- Denver Post: In a first, Libertarian candidate in Colorado's U.S. Senate race qualifies for major debate
- Upcoming Johnson-Weld Campaign Events
- Reason: Growing Media Chorus Says Presidential Debates Are 'Rigged'
- New York Times: Libertarian Gary Johnson Polls at 10 Percent. Who Are His Supporters?
- Politico: Libertarian VP nominee - Debate commission could lose tax exempt status by excluding us
- Johnson/Weld announces New York City rally on September 10
- Arizona Republic: The smart money's on Gary Johnson
- LP on the ballot in New Hampshire
- Arizona Capital Times: State Supreme Court upholds law aimed at Libertarian candidates

- Gregory Bresiger: A Vote for Freedom and Sanity: A very different choice from Clinton and Trump
- Politico: Libertarian candidate Johnson focuses on battleground states in ad blitz
- Dallas Voice: Libertarian challenging Sessions for Congress
- Johnson and Weld on the ballot in Virginia
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- Gary Johnson and Bill Weld on the ballot in Alabama
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- Libertarians on the ballot in D.C. and Pennsylvania
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- U.S. News: Libertarian Johnson says he appeals to rank-and-file Republicans
- Stossel hosting Libertarian town hall on Friday, August 26
- LNC chair interviewed on Michael Smerconish show
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- Fusion forum with Johnson and Weld on Wednesday, August 17
- Washington LP has statewide candidate and 10 legislative candidates advance to the general election
- Minnesota Public Radio: Libertarians in the limelight
- Johnson and Weld to appear in Florida on August 17
- Nevada Assistant State Controller switches to LP
- San Antonio Libertarians interviewed on CBS-TV affiliate
- Dick Morris: Gary Johnson Could Make Debates, Be Major Factor in Race
- Former NJ state treasurer supporting Gary Johnson and Bill Weld
- Politico: Clinton-Trump debate sites plan for a third podium
- Hiring Libertarian packaging interns
- Huffington Post: American Military Personnel Looking In Libertarian Direction For The Election
- LP on the ballot in Massachusetts
- LP on the ballot in New Jersey and Washington
- Libertarians Rubén Corvalán and Lorenzo Gaztañaga interviewed on CNN en Español
- NYT: Congressman backs Libertarian presidential candidate in campaign first
- CNN: What to watch at the Libertarian town hall
- CNN breaks from left-right paradigm in explaining Libertarianism
- Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson to speak at University of Utah rally Saturday
- NY Times: Can Gary Johnson, the Libertarian nominee, swing the election?
- LP News July 2016 issue is now online
- OC Register: Let Gary Johnson debate
- Another Johnson and Weld town hall on CNN, Wednesday Aug. 3 with Anderson Cooper
- LNC vice chair: Message to all Bernie Sanders supporters
- Another sitting senator switches parties, endorses Johnson
- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Libertarians say party discord opens door for them

- Daily Beast: Vice Chair of D.C. GOP to resign over Trump nomination
- Outreach to Democratic friends
- LifeZette: Hillary's libertarian problem
- Reason: Gary Johnson Endorsed by Two Montana GOP State Reps
- Jesse Ventura: Why I'm voting for Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson for president
- Reason: Gary Johnson Reaches All-Time Polling High of 13% on Eve of GOP Convention
- How to talk with your Republican friend
- LNC chair interviewed on Paul Molloy Show
- LP News February 2016 issue is now online
- Gary Johnson: The GOP Is a Dying Party. That's Why I'm Running Against Trump
- Syracuse.com: Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson may get to debate Trump, Clinton
- Libertarian Party mourns slain officers in Baton Rouge
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- LNC Meeting July 17 in Las Vegas, NV
- LP on the ballot in Tennessee
- Libertarian Party at FreedomFest
- Gary Johnson at 12 percent in new national poll
- LP now recognized party in Maine
- Johnson and Weld on the ballot in Illinois
- Politico: Gary Johnson compares Libertarian ticket to 'comet' hitting 'two-party dinosaur'
- Reason: Washington Post, in dishonest editorial, calls Gary Johnson 'honest but defective'
- Live feed for Johnson and Weld appearance at National Press Club
- Former Utah GOP county executive committee member switches to Libertarian Party
- AOL News: How Gary Johnson could shake up the presidential race
- Dallas Morning News: Libertarians are right, taxation is theft
- Judge lowers Pennsylvania statewide candidate signature requirement to 5,000
- Libertarians lose beloved activist Marc Feldman
- Throwing Off the Shackles
- We need YOU to help collect signatures in Pennsylvania to get our ticket on the ballot. Earn \$\$\$!
- Oklahoma libertarians celebrate voting in primary for the first time in 16 years
- Take the survey: How many non-Libertarians do you know who are voting Gary Johnson for President?
- PA Libertarian convinces business owners to boycott local tax
- U.S. News: Libertarian Party Starting to Get Traction
- Illinois LP submits 53,000 signatures

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- WHDT-TV: LP Vice Chair Arvin Vohra explains why Johnson is far superior alternative to Trump, Clinton
- Orlando News 13: Libertarian Party growing in tumultuous election year
- USA Today: Libertarian nominee Gary Johnson on guns, debates, and pot
- Nation's largest pro-marijuana group endorses Gary Johnson
- CBS News: 2016 by the numbers: Will Gary Johnson disrupt Clinton vs. Trump race?
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- Openly gay libertarian candidate issues statement on Orlando shooting
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- U.S. News: The year of the Libertarian
- Washington Times: Gary Johnson sets sights on 15 percent in polls, crucial spot on debate stage
- Indiana GOP county chair steps down to join Libertarians
- Gary Johnson and Bill Weld to appear on CBS Late Show Thursday
- Stossel: No, not Trump or Clinton. Voters really do have another choice
- West Virginia Libertarian city council member elected Mayor
- Fox News: Gary Johnson on immigration, domestic and foreign policy
- Newsweek: There is a third way and it's called Libertarianism
- Reason TV: Libertarian Party Chair Sarwark on the LP's plan for 2016
- Washington Post: The Libertarian Party: So hot right now
- CNN: Don't fall for 'lesser of two evils' argument
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- Forbes: Do Not Dismiss Gary Johnson and the Libertarians
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- Reason: A New Libertarian Moment?
- Washington Post: Gary Johnson takes on Trump's anti-immigration lies
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- Million-dollar super-PAC donation coming for Libertarian ticket
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- Gazette.com: Put third party candidates in debates
- Boston Herald: Johnson-Weld not your typical third-party ticket
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- Potential LP vice-presidential nominee interviewed on MSNBC
- L.A. Times: Meet the libertarians — the #NeverTrump movement's last hope
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- LNC chair quoted in Atlantic article
- Another Republican media pundit defects to the Libertarian Party

- Libertarians rising: Third party in Arkansas is trying to be more than a third wheel
- Slate: The Libertarian Chairman Explains Why the Romney Third Party Talk Is Nuts
- Austin Petersen interviewed by Breitbart, Kennedy, and Dana Loesch
- Penn Jillette hosting the LPNV presidential debate Monday
- Washington Post: Libertarian Party faces a nomination fight in a #NeverTrump world
- CNBC: Ten third-party candidate names at top of Never Trump's list
- Truthout: Third Parties Eager to Disrupt the Presidential Race and the Two-Party System
- Hiring 20 paid petitioners urgently - interested?
- NJ chair appears in Philadelphia NBC TV news spot about LP
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- LPNY presidential candidate debate
- 2016 State Conventions
- Daily Caller: LP membership has skyrocketed in the last year
- George Stephanopoulos interviews Gary Johnson on ABC's 'This Week'
- The Atlantic: Is This the Libertarian Party's Moment?
- Oklahoma Governor signs ballot access bill
- Washington Examiner: Libertarian Party membership applications double after Trump becomes GOP nominee
- Libertarians Rob Hodgkinson and Mike Shannon on Kansas Fox Radio Affiliate
- Reason: Google searches for "Libertarian Party" surge after Ted Cruz drops out
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- El Paso County GOP group endorses a Libertarian for U.S. Senate
- Austin Petersen interviewed by CBS radio affiliate in Philadelphia
- Salina, Kansas news site covers state LP convention
- Newsday: This year could be different for Libertarian Gary Johnson
- Dr. James Lark to deliver keynote address at Norwegian Libertarian Party congress
- Democracy Now: Why Did the Former Republican Gov. of New Mexico Join the Libertarian Party to Run for President?
- Alive Free Happy attracts new, young Libertarians
- Judge rejects Libertarians' appeal to become Maine political party
- 'Majority of Americans are libertarians' – Gary Johnson to RT
- Washington Times: Third party fever - 'Not too late to run as a Libertarian'
- New Orleans Libertarians cheer progress on bills allowing raw milk, expanding medical marijuana
- Libertarian Party Solution: End police militarization
- Hypocrite Kasich
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- 2nd Libertarian presidential debate to air on Stossel Friday, April 8 on FBN at 9 PM ET
- LPND gubernatorial candidate interviewed by Bismarck Tribune

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- USA Today: Libertarian leader says time is now for third-party run
- LNC chair speaks at free-market panel in Atlanta, GA
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- MinnPost: The appeal of not being Trump or Clinton: a Q&A with Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson
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- LNC chair keynoting panel on the free market economy this Friday
- USA Today: A 3-way presidential race?
- Weathers running for city council in South Dakota April 12
- Call for Nominations: Libertarian Party Awards for the 2016 National LP Convention
- Reason: How Donald Trump & Hillary Clinton Have Made the Libertarian Party Relevant
- Poll: Who won the Libertarian Presidential debate on Stossel?
- Reason: A better choice for 2016
- Washington Times: LNC chair says former candidates have approached us about running
- Libertarians can reach minority voters with the right message
- LPMN Executive Director Kevin Bradley on Minnesota Public Radio
- NBC News: Will Republicans Find Solace in The Libertarian Party?
- Gov. Gary Johnson in double digits in Monmouth University poll
- California city sues Aaron Starr, the man who wants to repeal sewer rate hikes at the ballot box
- Gary Johnson interviewed by the New York Times
- Gary Johnson interviewed by CNBC
- New poll: Who do you want to be the Libertarian presidential nominee?
- Washington Times: Libertarians welcome refugees from GOP and Democratic parties
- The case for electoral politics
- Huffington Post on Gov. Gary Johnson presidential campaign
- Reason and Richmond Times: The GOP's Libertarian Party Option
- Libertarian Presidential Candidates Debate Tonight 9pm ET, Monday March 7
- Virginia LP convention covered on CBS 6 TV
- Ohio judge dismisses LP case, favoring camp of presidential hopeful Kasich
- Good News! Libertarian debate on TV, moderated by Stossel
- LNC chair interviewed on ABC TV affiliate in Mississippi
- Watch the Libertarian Party debate tonight. Saturday Feb. 27 at 7pm CT
- LP at Students For Liberty conference this weekend
- Donate for student outreach
- LP submits 42,000 signatures to get back on the ballot in Oklahoma
- Extensive media coverage of Libertarian John McAfee's solution to Apple controversy

- LNC Meeting February 20-21, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ
- Poll: Which Libertarian for President?
- Convention speakers: Adam Kokesh and more!

# Director of Operation's Report – Dec 2016

by Robert Kraus

## **Blackbaud – Data Dumps – Internal Customer Service**

The current budget proposal includes an upgrade to the next generation cloud based database by Blackbaud called RE NXT. This may allow us to provide some access to our database by the affiliates and also incorporates Online Express by Blackbaud which will tie our fundraising via the web site directly into the database. This will create a more efficient operating environment as well as improved online experience / customer service for our donors.

We continue to do various on going clean ups of emails and other items in the dumps. As part of our effort to have accurate data – Casey tests all emails on new and renewed memberships by sending them all a quick “thank you, your membership card has been mailed” email every Monday. Bad emails are then removed from the database.

There are still a number of states that use the old formatted dump which is very cumbersome. We continue to reach out to those states to switch to the updated format which is much easier and simpler to use.

We also plan on running a US Postal Service National Change of Address update on our records by end of year. These will cover the 100k of the most recent inquires, active and lapsed members.

## **Building Fund**

There is \$2,201 in the restricted building fund account as of 11/30/16. For fiscal 2016 we had made a total of \$22,000 in additional payments towards principle on the mortgage.

In terms of maintenance, we had a capital improvement of \$6,754 to restore the front (Duke) facing brick steps & landing in August.

## **FEC Filing**

We continue to file accurate FEC reports and use Paula Edwards to complete the FEC Filing Process on a monthly basis and handle our amendments. The reconciliation and audit steps to this process continue to work to assure that these reports are correct prior to filing, and to insure that the disbursements and contributions match to our cash accounting records.

As a reminder, the FEC reports are done on a cash basis while our financial reports are done on an accrual basis as required by our bylaws which require adherence to GAAP. Therefore, our Statement of Operations will not always look the same as what is reported on the summary page of our FEC Filings.

## **Financial**

Our current monthly reserve as of 11/30/16 is at \$346,983. We continue to allocate staff compensation on a monthly basis to functional programs / projects & fundraising as noted in the Monthly P&L Detail report.

## **Thank you!**

Robert





**Affiliate Development Specialist Report**  
**Submitted by Andy Burns for 2016 Q2/Q3 combined**  
**April-September**

The Q2 report was delayed to petitioning emergencies in Illinois, New Hampshire, Iowa and Minnesota. This combines Q2 and Q3.

## **Affiliate Fundraising**

### **Increasing affiliate revenue via training role**

In some states I have moved it up, like Washington State and Minnesota. But the root issue is volunteers do not want to fund raise or if they do it is not on a consistent basis. I haven't seen many cases of an all-volunteer state raising that much as volunteers do not have to be as accountable as a state staff member. If I had an ED on the other end I'm highly confident I could train and work with them to ensure they have every opportunity of growing and being successful.

### **Solution**

An adjustment is needed. Launch initiative to recruit and train state staff after the November election. I've solicited the interest from state chairs and there is 12 states who want to proceed.

Why: To increase the fundraising ability and properly oversee day to day operations

Who: Led by Andy Burns (recruiting, training, contract agreement)

Where: Posted on lp.org/careers and other outlets

When: Following Nov 8 election

How: Prospect Gary Johnson staff and state directors, targeted phone calls, email and posting on lp.org/careers.

### Support from National

1. Recruitment and training
2. Marketing materials
3. Possible financial incentive

### **Other Info**

- Helped Indiana with their Gary Johnson Indiana Support Fund (<https://db.lpin.org/gary-johnson-support-fund/>)

- Assisted Minnesota in 2 fundraising letters and changes to their website contribution pages.

## State revenue figures

**Washington State** - 9,950.00 from April 1 - October 1. Monthly average: \$1,658.

Baseline metric - 2014 funds raised \$ 15,073. Average monthly revenue: \$1,256.

**Minnesota** - \$37,883 from April 1 - October 1. Monthly average \$6,313.

Baseline metric- 2015 funds raised \$49,483. Average monthly revenue: 4,123.

## Marketing Materials

**Created Wordpress multi-site states can opt-in to. This is located at [www.lpnational.wpengine.com](http://www.lpnational.wpengine.com).**

This helps states in these ways:

- Dramatically improved site speed
- Increased security, backup plan and up-to date components
- Access to theme/support and paid plugins
- Take advantage of national's free web hosting service
- Get a modern, responsive website built

North Dakota is online with Idaho shortly. Nebraska is developing the site and will be on the platform before the end of the year.

## Rebuilt [www.lpstore.org](http://www.lpstore.org) for a better user experience

Volunteers can easily purchase marketing materials (many items are priced at cost).

## Created [www.lpaction.org](http://www.lpaction.org)

A resource for training and marketing material center for affiliates and candidates.

## Helped organize and staff LPMN State Fair booth

We created the Johnson/Weld marketing materials (bumper sticker, shirts, signs, banners, Gary's head on a stick). Raised over 13K and collected 300 contacts.



- Created Gary Johnson/Common Sense On Issues – Rack Card  
<https://lpstore.org/product/common-sense-issues-gary-johnson/>

## **Others**

- Worked with Rhode Island on CiviCRM setup
- Worked with Arkansas on CiviCRM setup and Wordpress site modifications
- Answered questions from IT director for new Montana site.
- Working with Michigan on CiviCRM setup
- Built NationBuilder site for Colorado

## **Miscellaneous**

- Attended LPMN convention. Helped run registration booth and solicit new and renewing memberships. (4/16)
- Attended 2016 LNC convention. Ran LP Store booth and raised over 8k for that. Made as much contact with affiliate leaders to train and assist. Did seminar on outreach booths (5/27-5/29).
- Organized the California Party State Fair effort (7/7-7/13).
- Training LPMN Executive Director, Valerie Lockhart, on a weekly basis.

## **Petitioning for Presidential Ballot Access**

- Traveled to Illinois to ensure ballot access (6/15-6/23). Recruited and managed 1 paid petitioner. Personally collected over 800 signatures.
- Traveled to New Hampshire to ensure ballot access (7/19-7/26). Recruited and managed 3 paid petitioners. Personally collected about 400 signatures. Team total of 1500-2000.
- Traveled to Iowa to ensure ballot access (8/17-8/19). Personally collected about 207 signatures in 2 days.
- Added a safe margin of signatures in Minnesota for ballot access. 4 days of collection effort.

## **Annual Affiliate Reporting**

For states where I recruit an ED, I will deliver metrics each quarter for that state.

In addition, I plan to track on an annual basis (year end totals) key metric of all state affiliates to promote competition amongst affiliates and to help me target affiliates and their needs.

Criteria fields: state members, national members, registrations (yet not all states allow), fundraising, number of candidates, number of winning candidates, number of elected officials, Facebook followers, twitter followers.

## **Affiliate Support**

Most of my work is assisting states on a discrete project but not on a weekly basis. I anticipate working intensively with states with paid staff.

## **Challenges**

**Affiliate Fundraising** - See solution in section above

### **Integrated data for states**

The solution is for 1 system at the national level states can work within that is cloud-based. The current situation of states working individually is not sustainable or efficient. States need to have a database admin, however, states have frequent volunteer turnover which makes this proposition difficult. On my end, I can't expect to manage these either.

I have halted deploying any further CRM systems to states. The IT Committee has formed and I've insisted the urgency for states to have this national system in place. As the committee is not in my control, I am counting on them to work and deliver a proposed solution that can be acted on implementing in 2017.

## 2016 Annual Report Affiliate Support Committee Libertarian National Committee

### *Policy Manual Charter:*

*The Affiliate Support Committee (ASC) shall identify the needs and interests of the various affiliates. In addition,*

*The ASC shall identify those affiliates that are in particular need of assistance that the LNC can provide.*

*The ASC shall deliver a report to the LNC for the last LNC meeting of each calendar year, identifying and prioritizing those needs and interests of the various affiliates. This ranked list shall be taken into consideration when drawing up the following year's budget, and throughout the year as needed. This list will also assist the Executive Director in deciding how to assign tasks to staff, by identifying those services that staff provides to the affiliates that are the most desired.*

*The ASC shall also, as and when needed, recommend to the LNC measures that will address the particular affiliates that need assistance from the LNC. The ASC will also establish a process for tracking the progress in meeting those needs.*

Report Attachment: MS Excel file "ASC 2016 ASC Survey.xls"

The ASC Chairman, with assistance from Affiliate Support Specialist, Andy Burns, made attempts to contact a member of the state executive committee of all 51 affiliates via Facebook private message, direct emails, emails to the State Chairs list, and phone calls. With the exception of South Carolina and Wisconsin some contact was made with a member of every affiliate Executive Committee. The DC affiliate had responses from two members and the South Dakota affiliate answered twice. 5 affiliates did not answer the survey for various reasons.

Mr. Burns formatted the survey for the committee using a platform known as Typeform, that created many answers that could be completed by clicking a selection on the form or entering the data in the appropriate field. Completion of the survey then generated responses in many various formats. The analysis includes results from 46 of 51 state affiliates. The complete raw data for each state is listed in tabs provided in alphabetical order in attached workbook. Additional tabs in workbook provide analysis calculations or results. Further results and metrics can be found at the following links: <https://lpaction.org/2016-affiliate-metrics/> and <https://andyburns.typeform.com/report/bnLhrs/Pcsw>.

Poll questions from this and previous surveys included the following:

1. Rank LNC service level: 1 = worst, 3 = average and 5 = best.
2. What are the top 3 "needs and interests" that you are addressing in your state?
3. What is your state's #1 need from LNC?
4. How many candidates were on the ballot in 2016 (partisan or non-partisan)?
5. What is your state's annual revenue (exclude LNC ballot access contributions)?
6. What are your state's annual expenses?

Additional questions included:

1. Do you have any suggested goals for the LNC?

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2. Do you need any technical assistance with a Website?
3. Do you have any ballot access concerns?
4. How does a candidate get on the ballot in your state?
5. In your state, can people register to vote as a Libertarian?
6. In your state, can people run for office, with the ballot saying they are a Libertarian?
7. In your state, can people vote in a Libertarian primary?

Analysis results are provided in graphical form, as follows:

1. Table – LNC Service Level
2. Table – Affiliates Internal Needs and Interests
3. Chart - Ranked list of affiliate's #1 need from LNC

Table - LNC Service Level(Please see attached workbook)

Affiliates 2016 score of LNC's current service continued the shift towards more positive responses as compared to 2014. Scores from 2014, listed in bad to good order, were 5, 15, 21, 8 and 1. Only one affiliate gave a "good" score in 2014, but 2015 scores were 4, 4, 19, 11 and 7, while 2016 scores were 1, 3, 17, 17, and 10.

Table - Affiliate Internal Needs & Interest

The top needs & interests had a shift towards a greater need for building their state organization. Each affiliate could list up to 3 activities, and 127 responses were charted. Those were categorized into common topics, as follows. The ASC believes that data and the tools with which to more efficiently utilize it are key to helping affiliates reach their internal needs.

Voter/member recruitment	23
Fundraising	16
Build state organization	16
Candidate Recruitment	13
Outreach / PR Materials	13
Ballot Access	11
Build local organizations	9
Legislative Lobbying	8
Candidate Development	7
Database	6
Newsletter/Media/Website	3
LP Brand Building	2

Chart - Ranked List of Affiliate's Needs from LNC:

The affiliates were asked to give their #1 needed assistance from the LNC, and these results are summarized below.

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2016 #1 Need from LNC		2015 #1 Need from LNC	
Data	8	Communication	7
Ballot Access	7	LP Brand Building	5
Support Material	5	Web, Media & Dbase Support	5
Marketing/Branding/PR	5	Financial Support	5
Autonomy	4	Fundraising Support	4
General Support	4	Candidate Development	3
Regulatory Compliance	3	Outreach/ PR Materials	3
Training	3	Training	2
Lobby Assistance(Authoring)	1	Membership	2
Candidate Recruitment	1	Good Presidential Candidates	1
Research Assistance	1	Litigation assistance	1
Fundraising Assistance	1	Candidate recritment	1
Financial Support	1	Executive Director Services	1
Appearance by Pres. Nominee	1		
Cease to exist	1		

In 2016 the need for data/contact lists has exceeded ballot access as the top need from the LNC for affiliates from both 2015 and 2014 though ballot access remained a top concern.

ASC Activity:

The ASC has been meeting every two weeks to discuss means of assisting affiliates. The ASC was given a \$10,000 budget with power. Additionally, a \$1,000 request for funds from the Rhode Island affiliate was referred to the ASC. The ASC did not believe that the plans for the Rhode Island request would provide an ample return on investment but opted to give the affiliate \$250 with the understanding that a report would be delivered back. Despite an extended phone call after further promises of a coming report, there has been no written response. There was a verbal response from the LPRI chairman over his displeasure of how the LNC managed statements from one the LP nominees. At the end of the most recent phone call, a promise was made to complete the survey. It has not yet been delivered despite further follow up.

As it is a committee with a budget and power the ASC is endeavoring to work in a transparent manner. The conference calls are open to members. The ASC has voted that it's chairman should send a reminder/invitation of the meeting out one week before the meeting. The committee for the present time meets at 8pm every other Tuesday by conference call with the next call being December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The dial in information is:

Dial in Number: (712)775-7031

Access Code: 571-973-866

The ASC has voted to approve minutes in a timely fashion. Once those minutes are approved, they will be posted online on a site provided by Mr. Burns. All previous minutes should be on the website before the end of the year with more being posted more promptly as they are approved.

The ASC voted to promote the #ReRegister project and sponsored \$1,000 in boosted posts, along with \$100 for boosting a video by Larry Sharpe during #ReRegister month in September, 2015. The ASC also did a post-election boost of the same #ReRegister post for \$250. The ASC also sponsored \$500 to boost a post promoting National LP Membership. All Facebook analytics for these boosts seemed to be very favorable. Mr. Burns

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suggested using google analytics to check if people were clicking through to their respective secretary of state websites. Unfortunately, once he made the committee aware it could use this, he also realized the code that enabled this had not yet been added to the new website. The ASC opted not to boost anymore posts until the ability to check this data was added back to the website.

During the #ReRegister events, the ASC voted to send out materials to campus and local affiliates to help promote it. 100 LP rack cards and 100 Johnson rack cards along with 100 LP bumper stickers and 100 Johnson bumper stickers were sent to each organization that opted in. 5 organizations did. Total retail cost with shipping was about \$300 for purposes of estimating ASC expenses. Actual costs should be lower.

For the next year, the ASC is hoping to promote both state and affiliate memberships as well as to continue with the #ReRegister push, including #ReRegister month. Libertarian Voter Registration and Membership are top priorities for affiliates, plus they also have the effect of producing more “fresh” usable data. With more lead time to promote and less focus on the Presidential Election, there will hopefully be greater participation by various affiliates.

The ASC along with Mr. Burns will also be attempting to identify state boards that may be struggling to become better organized and help to empower them.

The ASC has by liberal estimates spent \$2150 of the \$10,000 budget. It may opt to promote more ads before year’s end if the analytics on the website are enabled again. Other than this, unless some unexpected opportunity or need arises, the ASC does not plan to have any other expenditure before the end of the budget term.

ASC member Patrick McKnight along with Andy Burns is working to launch a monthly newsletter for State Chairs highlighting best practices and other relevant topics.

Recommendations:

1. Continue supporting contractor(s) or staff member(s) who focus on Affiliate Support.
2. Continue empowerment of the Affiliate Support Committee to assist affiliates.
3. Implement a concerted effort to convert the Johnson list contacts to national members, whose data can then be shared with state affiliates. This is the biggest potential source of new Libertarian volunteers, members, donors, and candidates.
4. Consider a platform that enables targeted integration of database operation between consenting state affiliates and national.



**See the following 5 pages for the Counsel's Report**

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Libertarian National Committee

**FROM:** Oliver Hall

**DATE:** December 10, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Special Counsel's Report

### Introduction

This report summarizes my work as Special Counsel to the Libertarian National Committee since I last submitted a report on July 14, 2016. The report is a privileged attorney-client communication, but only relates facts, and not legal advice. As such, it may be appropriate for sharing with a wider audience, including members of the Libertarian Party, at your discretion.

### General

As Special Counsel to the LNC, I have reviewed documents and correspondence, responded to questions, and provided legal advice and services on a variety of matters as needed or requested. In particular, I researched and resolved queries relating to the following: compliance with ballot access laws in the District of Columbia, New Hampshire and Ohio; compliance with Massachusetts campaign finance law; construction of the Presidential Transition Act; campaign finance law governing debate staging organizations; and requirements for retaining ballot access under Ohio law.

I also provided the following services: coordinated the LNC's potential sponsorship of Massachusetts ballot initiative event involving Governor Weld; negotiated terms of proposed Joint Operating Agreement with Johnson/Weld Campaign counsel; drafted campaign finance authorization for coordination between LNC and Indiana state party; sent demand letters and negotiated for inclusion of Libertarian candidates in event sponsored by Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans' Association and in debates in Colorado and Illinois; sent Government Services Administration a demand letter seeking national security briefings and other services for Governor Johnson; negotiated settlement of Pennsylvania petitioner's claim; ensured Pennsylvania election officials corrected omission of Libertarian ticket from absentee ballots; evaluated proposed litigation on behalf of Tennessee state party; responded to notice of bequest from estate of Frank Welch Clinard; reviewed briefs and 9th Circuit opinion and provided recommendation regarding possible filing of amicus brief in *Wilson v. Lynch*, No. 14-15700 (9th Cir. August 31, 2016).

I provided litigation assistance in several pending actions involving the LNC or a state party affiliate, including: filed an emergency application for relief with the United States Supreme Court in *Libertarian Party of Ohio v. Husted*, No. 16-3537 (6th Cir.); attended

deposition, assisted settlement negotiations and served subpoenas on District of Columbia-based defendants in *Libertarian National Committee v. Holiday*; reviewed the petition for rehearing *en banc* and provided comments and consulted on the anticipated filing of a petition for certiorari in *Libertarian Party of Kentucky v. Grimes*; and consulted on settlement negotiations in *Libertarian Party of Maine v. Dunlap*.

Finally, I drafted or reviewed and approved multiple contracts, including those executed with the following: outreach consultant; graphic design and branding consultant; affiliate development specialist; contract journalist and content developer; and petition circulator contracts for Connecticut, Illinois, New York and Ohio.

### **Litigation**

*Arizona Libertarian Party v. Reagan*, No. 2:16-cv-01019: This case challenges Arizona's newly enacted law that drastically increases signature requirements for Libertarian Party candidates seeking access to AZLP's primary ballot. It requests declaratory and injunctive relief. The Plaintiffs filed an emergency motion for preliminary injunctive relief in May 2016, which the Court denied without reaching the merits on May 27, 2016. The Plaintiffs therefore filed a new motion for preliminary injunction, which does not request emergency relief, which the Court also denied, citing a lack of evidence in the record. The case is now in the discovery period and we are in the process of developing the evidentiary record. (I represent the Plaintiffs outside the scope of my representation of the LNC.)

*Constitution Party of Pa. v. Cortes* – On July 23, 2015, the federal district court in Philadelphia held that Pennsylvania's ballot access scheme for minor parties is unconstitutional as applied. Specifically, the court held that 25 P.S. § 2911(b), the provision that requires minor parties to submit nomination petitions containing a specified number of signatures, and 25 P.S. § 2937, the provision that authorizes private parties to challenge the sufficiency of those nomination petitions, are unconstitutional as applied to the plaintiffs, including the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. The defendants are the Pennsylvania elections officials charged with enforcing the provisions. They appealed the district court decision to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. The Third Circuit affirmed on June 2, 2016. On July 1, 2016, the District Court entered an order significantly lowering the signature requirements for minor party nomination petitions, and enjoining the assessment of costs against candidates who defend their nomination petitions when challenged pursuant to Section 2937. However, the Court also imposed county-based signature distribution requirements, which are likely unconstitutional under *Moore v. Ogilvie*, 394 U.S. 814 (1969). We have therefore appealed this limited aspect of the Court's order. Briefing will be complete in December 2016, and oral argument, if any, will likely take place in Spring of 2017. (I represent the Plaintiffs outside the scope of my representation of the LNC.)

*Gary Johnson v. Commission on Presidential Debates*, No. 1:15cv-1580 (D.D.C.) – This case was filed on September 28, 2015, and asserts antitrust claims under the Sherman and

Clayton Acts. It asserts that the Commission on Presidential Debates is a commercial enterprise and is prohibited from holding debates and excluding all but the major party candidates. The Defendants filed a motion to dismiss, which was granted in August. The Plaintiffs appealed. The appeal is No. 16-7107. Plaintiffs' counsel is Bruce Fein: (202) 465-8727; [bruce@feinpoints.com](mailto:bruce@feinpoints.com).

*Level the Playing Field v. Federal Election Committee*, No. 1-15-cv-01397: This case challenges the FEC's failure to act upon, and constructive denial of, an administrative complaint against the Commission on Presidential Debates. The Plaintiffs filed an Amended Complaint in January 2016, to reflect that the FEC formally denied the administrative complaint in December 2015. They moved for summary judgment on April 6, 2016, and the FEC filed a cross-motion for summary judgment. Briefing on the summary judgment motions was completed in July 2016, and the motions remain pending. The case has generated some interest, with amicus briefs filed by the Commission on Presidential Debates and the Independent Voters Project. Plaintiffs' counsel is Alexandra Shapiro, Shapiro Arato LLP: [ashapiro@shapiroarato.com](mailto:ashapiro@shapiroarato.com); 212-257-4881.

*Libertarian National Committee v. Federal Election Committee*, No. 16-cv-0121: This case challenges the FEC's treatment of a bequest from Joseph Shaber, deceased, to the LNC, which imposes an annual limit on the amount of the bequest that may be distributed to the LNC. The FEC filed a motion to dismiss, which was fully briefed on May 20, 2016, and remains pending. Plaintiffs' counsel is Alan Gura, Gura & Possessky: [alan@gurapossessky.com](mailto:alan@gurapossessky.com); 703.835.9085.

*Libertarian National Committee v. Holiday*, No. 3:14-cv-00063 (E.D. Ky.) – This case challenges a debate requirement limiting participation to candidates with “a realistic chance of winning” the election. It also requires that the candidate have raised at least \$100,000 for the campaign. On October 11, 2014, the court denied the plaintiff candidate injunctive relief that would permit him to participate in the debate. In September 2015, the judge ordered that there be a trial, and the state answered the Complaint. On February 5, 2016, the Court entered an order granting in part the Defendants' motion for partial dismissal on the pleadings. Plaintiffs are currently in the process of taking discovery. Plaintiffs' counsel is Chris Wiest: [chris@cwiestlaw.com](mailto:chris@cwiestlaw.com); 859-486-6850.

*Libertarian Party of Arkansas v. Martin*, No. 4:15cv-635 (E.D. AR.) – This case was filed on October 14, 2015. It challenges the state requirement that new or minor parties must choose all of their nominees except presidential nominees by November of the year before the election. The parties have taken discovery. In April 2016, the Defendants sent the Plaintiffs an extensive request for production of documents and interrogatories encompassing a wide range of communications relating to nomination procedures and other internal party matters. The Court held a hearing in the case on July 11, 2016, and entered a decision on July 15, 2016, which held that the state can't require the party to hold its nominating convention before the major parties hold their primaries. This will permit the party to hold its convention in May 2018. Plaintiffs' counsel is Jim Linger: (918) 585-2797; [bostonbarristers@tulsacoxmail.com](mailto:bostonbarristers@tulsacoxmail.com).

*Libertarian Party of CT v. Merrill*, No. 3-15-cv-01851: This case challenges Connecticut's ban on out of state petition circulators. On January 27, 2016, the Court granted our motion for preliminary relief and enjoined the prohibition. In August 216, the state agreed not to continue defending the laws, and the case is being settled.

*Libertarian Party of Illinois v. Illinois State Board of Elections*, No. 1:12-cv-2511 (N.D. Ill.) – This case challenges Illinois' unique statute that requires new parties, but not old parties, to run a full slate of candidates, as well as the state's June petitioning deadline. The District Court ruled in the Plaintiffs favor, and the state appealed in May 2016. The appeal is pending, with briefing to be completed by July 15, 2016. Plaintiffs' counsel was Gary Sinawski, with local counsel William Malan, (312) 415-0800; [billm@malanlaw.com](mailto:billm@malanlaw.com).

*Libertarian Party of Kentucky v. Grimes*, No. 3:15-cv-86: This case challenges Kentucky's requirement that minor political parties submit separate petitions to obtain ballot access for each of their candidates, unless the party's presidential candidate appeared on the ballot in the previous election and received more than 2 percent of the vote (in which case, the party may place its entire slate of candidates on the ballot for the next four years). On July 8, 2016, the District Court entered an order granting summary judgment to the Defendants. The Plaintiffs filed an appeal and requested an expedited schedule. On July 14, 2016, the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit granted Plaintiffs' motion to expedite, and ordered that all briefing in the appeal be completed by July 28, 2016. The Sixth Circuit affirmed. Plaintiffs are preparing a petition for certiorari, which is due in early 2017. Plaintiffs' counsel is Chris Wiest: [chris@cwiestlaw.com](mailto:chris@cwiestlaw.com); 859-486-6850.

*Libertarian Party of Maine v. Dunlap*: This case challenges Maine's statute requiring new parties to submit 5,000 registered members in December of the year prior to an election year, as well as related restrictions. The Complaint and a motion for preliminary injunction were filed in January 2016, and a hearing on the motion was held in March. The Court originally denied the motion for preliminary injunction, but we filed a motion for reconsideration, which was granted. The Court concluded the state party has shown a likelihood of success on the merits, and ordered the Secretary of State to credit it with the 4,513 voters it had submitted as registered members, and to allow the party until July 12, 2016 to register 487 new members. The Secretary of State of Maine has now certified that the Libertarian Party of Maine has registered more than enough members to be a ballot-qualified political party in the 2016 election cycle. Plaintiffs are in the process of negotiating a final settlement with the state. Plaintiffs' counsel is John Branson of Branson Law Office: [jbranson@bransonlawoffice.com](mailto:jbranson@bransonlawoffice.com); 207-780-8611.

*Libertarian Party of Ohio v. Husted*, No. 2:13-cv-953 (S.D. Oh. Oct. 14, 2015) – this case raises several claims, including an equal protection challenge to the state's statute requiring "new" parties (including LPO) to submit a petition with 30,000 signatures in order to re-qualify as a party, and a claim that a financial disclosure requirement imposed on the party's circulators had been selectively enforced. In October 2015, the court granted the defendants summary

judgment on the challenge to the new party qualification statute, and held that the selective prosecution claim requires more evidence. On May 20, 2016, the court granted the defendants summary judgment on the selective prosecution claim. LPO appealed, the Sixth Circuit affirmed. LPO filed its petition for certiorari on October 26, 2016. Plaintiffs' counsel is Mark Brown: [mbrown@law.capital.edu](mailto:mbrown@law.capital.edu).

*Libertarian Party of New Hampshire v. Gardiner*, No. 15-2068 (1st Cir) – This case was filed in 2014 to challenge the law prohibiting a party from circulating a petition during and odd year. The plaintiffs lost in the district court and filed their notice of appeal on September 14, 2015. The First Circuit entered an opinion affirming the district court on December 2, 2016. Plaintiffs' counsel is the ACLU of Connecticut.

### **Conclusion**

I look forward to discussing this report with the LNC during its next meeting. Should you have questions or need further information prior to that time, please contact me at 617-953-0161 or [oliverbhall@gmail.com](mailto:oliverbhall@gmail.com).

## COMMENTS CONCERNING 2018 AWARDS

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Dec. 5, 2016

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III  
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee  
Chair, 2016 Awards Committee

The members of the 2016 Awards Committee are Tim Hagan, Daniel Hayes, Kevin Knedler, Jim Lark, and Roland Riemers. The Committee members were elected by the LNC during the November 2015 meeting.

In a previous report, the 2016 Awards Committee included information about a matter that warranted the attention of the LNC. I have enclosed that information below, along with an appendix that contains the names of the recipients of Libertarian Party awards and Hall of Liberty members.

From the report of the 2016 Awards Committee, July 11, 2016:

The Committee suggests that the LNC consider the following issue before the next Hall of Liberty election.

In advance of the 2012 national convention the 2012 Awards Committee instituted a new award (the Patrick Henry Award) to recognize very effective Libertarian Party candidates and campaigns. In addition, the Committee instituted the Hall of Liberty, induction into which "... is to honor lifetime or significant achievement that has made a lasting impact on the Libertarian Party and/or libertarian movement."

In a related action the Committee changed the purpose of the Jefferson Award. Specifically, the Committee provided the following description of the Jefferson Award as follows:

Thomas Jefferson Leadership Award with recognition of outstanding leadership, high character, and dedication to the principles and goals of the Party.

The description is in contrast to the description given by the organizers of the 1996 national convention, who instituted the Adams, Paine, and Jefferson Awards. The Jefferson Award was instituted to serve as the award for lifetime achievement, and thus to serve as the highest honor the Libertarian Party could bestow.

By instituting the Hall of Liberty awards and changing the purpose of the Jefferson Award from lifetime achievement to "outstanding leadership, high character, and dedication to the principles and goals of the Party," the Committee inadvertently created what may reasonably be considered a discontinuity in the awards.

That is, prior to 2012, the Jefferson Award was given for lifetime achievement. As of the 2012 national convention, induction into the Hall of Liberty is to honor lifetime or significant achievement, whereas the Jefferson Award has been given for outstanding leadership, high character, and dedication to the principles and goals of the Party.

As the chair of the 2016 Awards Committee, allow me to suggest that the LNC (or some subcommittee thereof) consider ways to deal with this discontinuity. In the interest of full disclosure please note that I am a recipient (along with Ruth Bennett) of the 2008 Jefferson Award.

#### APPENDIX: Libertarian Party national award recipients and Hall of Liberty members

1996:

Samuel Adams Award: Don Ernsberger

Thomas Paine Award: Jacob Hornberger

Thomas Jefferson Award: David Nolan

1998:

Samuel Adams Award: Steve Dasbach

Thomas Paine Award: Harry Browne

Thomas Jefferson Award: David Bergland

2000:

Samuel Adams Award: Richard Rider

Thomas Paine Award: Michael Cloud

Thomas Jefferson Award: Ed Clark

2002:

Samuel Adams Award: Bruce Baechler

Thomas Paine Award: Richard Pearl

Thomas Jefferson Award: John Perry

2004:

Samuel Adams Award: Jim Lark

Thomas Paine Award: Mary Ruwart

Thomas Jefferson Award: Ron Crickenberger

2006:

Samuel Adams Award: Michael Badnarik

Thomas Paine Award: John Stossel

Thomas Jefferson Award: Harry Browne

2008:

Samuel Adams Award: Bill Hall

Thomas Paine Award: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg

Thomas Jefferson Award: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark

2010:

Samuel Adams Award: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler

Thomas Paine Award: Rex Bell

Thomas Jefferson Award: Bill Redpath



2012:

Patrick Henry Award: Lex Green, Travis Irvine

Samuel Adams Award: Clyde Garland

Thomas Paine Award: Jim Lark

Thomas Jefferson Award: Sharon Harris

Hall of Liberty: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan

2014:

Patrick Henry Award: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis

Samuel Adams Award: Hardy Macia

Thomas Paine Award: Sharon Harris

Thomas Jefferson Award: Pat Dixon

Hall of Liberty: Harry Browne, Richard Winger

2016:

Patrick Henry Award: Will Hammer

Samuel Adams Award: Wendy Adams

Thomas Paine Award: Jason Scheurer

Thomas Jefferson Award: BetteRose Ryan

Hall of Liberty: Ron Paul, Bill Redpath

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Patrick Henry Award:

2012: Lex Green, Travis Irvine

2014: Rupert Boneham, Robert Sarvis

2016: Will Hammer

Samuel Adams Award:

1996: Don Ernsberger

1998: Steve Dasbach

2000: Richard Rider

2002: Bruce Baechler

2004: Jim Lark

2006: Michael Badnarik

2008: Bill Hall

2010: Michael Johnston, Kevin Knedler

2012: Clyde Garland

2014: Hardy Macia

2016: Wendy Adams

Thomas Paine Award:

1996: Jacob Hornberger

1998: Harry Browne

2000: Michael Cloud

2002: Richard Pearl

2004: Mary Ruwart  
2006: John Stossel  
2008: Mike Ferguson, Eric Schansberg  
2010: Rex Bell  
2012: Jim Lark  
2014: Sharon Harris  
2016: Jason Scheurer

Thomas Jefferson Award:

1996: David Nolan  
1998: David Bergland  
2000: Ed Clark  
2002: John Perry  
2004: Ron Crickenberger  
2006: Harry Browne  
2008: Ruth Bennett, Jim Lark  
2010: Bill Redpath  
2012: Sharon Harris  
2014: Pat Dixon  
2016: BetteRose Ryan

Hall of Liberty:

2012: Ed Clark, John Hospers, Roger MacBride, Tonie Nathan, David Nolan  
2014: Harry Browne, Richard Winger  
2016: Ron Paul, Bill Redpath

## Convention Report for 2016

We made, without counting fundraising, approximately \$74,000. From Robert Kraus' report to me last June:

Our income through sales, sponsorships, suites, and the theme contest was \$291,294.00.

Our costs were \$216,308.76. There are some costs that may be missing from this amount though they shouldn't be much.

Our net was \$74,985.24 not including any fundraising. It has always been my contention that the convention should break even without relying on any fundraising, other than fundraising related directly to the convention.

For example: Theme contest – net should go to the convention.  
Ribbon sales – cost and revenue should go to the convention  
Torch Club breakfast fundraising should go to general donations.

We removed one meal from the weekend in an effort to keep the top price under \$500. There was some concern about making our F&B minimum but we had no trouble. However, in 2018, we need to consider a smaller convention with a big F&B requirement. It might be the time to raise ticket prices and include that extra meal OR encourage our members to throw parties that will supplement our F&B. Also, with the increasing cost of A/V, ticket prices must go up.

Things that went well:

Sales were good.

Advertising was great.

There was good communication between staff and the convention chair, though it can be better. Robert Kraus was great on keeping me informed and responding as soon as he could on all my questions.

Staff was easy to work with in all areas. I felt they did a great job overall and am glad to have worked with them.

Convention oversight committee worked well together.

Training classes were well received.

Timing for the convention main hall was good until the end of the convention.

A/V company was great for its responsiveness, though there were some surprises.

Daniel Hayes did a great job finding speakers and running the speaker program.

Alicia Mattson was absolutely the best for arranging our conference calls.

Alicia Mattson did a superb job of record keeping, including information about past conventions, making the committee's work on things like price setting much easier. I would not want to run another convention without her.

Danielle Alexandre stepped in to handle the volunteers, even bringing some of her own staff. We could not have had as much success as we did without her. She has volunteered for the next convention and we need to use her. (Her application is included with this report.)

Tim Hagan created an interactive spreadsheet for me that allowed us to track the ticket sales and the breakdown of each ticket. This told us when we had covered a fixed cost and how we were doing in covering our accordion costs. It let us do 'what if' scenarios so that when the A/V ended up over budget we could see where to move the money from. Thank you, Tim.

#### Areas to Improve:

Communication with the staff can be improved. Understanding from the beginning what staff and the oversight committee is responsible for and what each expects of the other would be of great help.

Fewer floor speakers. While we still won't start business until 9:30 am, it would be better to only have two floor speakers – an opening speaker and a Keynote speaker. We can still do speakers of the 2 to 3 minutes to cover times when voting is taking place.

Finding someone with good A/V experience is a necessity. We overspent the budget because costs have risen so much in this area but also because of my lack of understanding what we had to have and what the A/V people tell you is necessary.

The stage looked unprofessional at best. While I understand branding, we need to add at least plants to the stage, at least during our presidential years.

George was a 10K sponsor who gave up his gold ticket. Unfortunately no one thought to give him a name badge for his sponsorship. Having name badges for sponsors, speakers, volunteers, and the like that are not actual ticket holders is a must.

The convention committee should start a minimum of 18 months out to ensure a good convention. Ideally, we should have tickets ready for sale at the time of the previous convention provided the LNC creates a separate convention fund that is used solely for convention expenses.

We need to structure the convention to allow for voting on the last day.

The Next Convention: New Orleans

I have four people who have applied to be part of the convention team. There are three seats on the convention committee to be filled by non-LNC members. Any of these four would be a good fit. I have spoken to all of them except Justin and have communicated by email with each. I would like to see Danielle in charge of volunteers and as an onsite go to person. She is excellent with staging, planning, and execution of special events. It is her business. Bringing volunteers on early to help with brainstorming themes, events, and fundraisers can help the convention run smooth as well as creating a vested interest in the success of the convention.

It would be good if the COC had a convention team to work with them. We need to train people to follow in our footsteps and a convention team is the best way to train future workers. For those who have volunteered but are not chosen to sit on the COC, I would like to put them on the convention team.

Questions concerning how this convention compares to previous one should be directed to Alicia Mattson.

Questions concerning speakers and those logistics should be directed to Daniel Hayes.

Questions concerning the expenses and revenues should be directed to staff.

For greater detail on expense and costs, ask Robert Kraus. For ticket breakdown, email me.

All other questions can be asked of me via email.

## EMPLOYMENT POLICY AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Dec. 5, 2016

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III  
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee  
Chair, Employment Policy and Compensation Committee

The members of the Employment Policy and Compensation Committee (EPCC) are Brett Bittner, Joshua Katz, and Jim Lark. They were elected during the LNC meeting on May 30, 2016.

The following items were included in the EPCC reports of Feb. 15, May 23, and July 11 (all dates in 2016). Since the LNC has not taken action on these items, the EPCC has included them again in this report.

1) Section 2.03.06 of the LNC Policy Manual reads as follows:

### ***Fixed Assets***

*Staff shall maintain a listing of fixed assets and update it monthly to record any additions or disposals. Depreciation shall be recorded monthly on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets.*

In the review of the LNC's internal financial controls, the auditor noted in its discussion of "best practices" that the staff has not maintained the listing of fixed assets in the manner required by the Policy Manual.

The EPCC recommends that the LNC consider what action (if any) to take in this matter.

2) In the review of the LNC's internal financial controls, the auditor noted in its discussion of "significant deficiencies" that as of the end of 2013, the LNC's FEC Policies and Procedures Manual had not been updated since 2006.

The EPCC recommends that the LNC establish a special committee to prepare an updated version of this manual. In addition, the LNC should develop a process for the regular review and updating of this manual.

3) In the review of the LNC's internal financial controls, the auditor noted in its discussion of "significant deficiencies" that the LNC has not established a document retention/destruction policy, and recommended that such a policy be established.

The EPCC recommends that the LNC establish a special committee to prepare such a policy.

4) Section 2.03.07 of the LNC Policy Manual reads as follows:

### ***Time Sheets and Expense Allocation***

*Each employee shall submit a timesheet at least once per pay period to reflect the number of hours worked, allocating such time to corresponding categories specified in the annual budget. Time sheets shall be reviewed and approved prior to employee time being entered in the payroll system. Payroll*

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*costs for each employee shall be allocated to expense categories in proportion with approved time. Separate general ledger accounts shall be used for allocated payroll costs.*

*Where appropriate, an expense shall be allocated to one category. Expenses that benefit more than one category or that are general administrative in nature shall be allocated to a general administrative account in the general ledger. Those expenses shall then be allocated on a monthly basis to expense categories in proportion to the allocation of payroll costs. Separate general ledger accounts shall be used for allocated general administrative costs.*

*Monthly financial statements shall separately report allocations of payroll and overhead to corresponding categories.*

In the review of the LNC's internal financial controls, the auditor noted in its discussion of "best practices" that employee timesheets do not reflect the actual time spent in each functional area. In addition, the auditor noted that there was no evidence of review and approval of timesheets. The auditor recommended that in order to allocate more accurately the time charged to projects, employees should complete timesheets that reflect actual hours worked on the various programs and/or supporting services functions.

After receiving the auditor's statements and the report of the Audit Committee, questions have been raised by staff concerning the particulars of how the timesheets should be completed. Mr. Benedict requested that the EPCC conduct research concerning how other organizations handled timesheets and functional allocation of expenses.

After consideration of this matter, the EPCC recommends that the LNC evaluate its requirements for such information from staff, and that it provide clear guidelines to the staff concerning the reporting of such information.

**See the following 82 pages for the Ballot Access Committee Report**



**LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**BALLOT ACCESS COMMITTEE**

**2016 POST-ELECTION REPORT**

**Presented at the LNC meeting on December 20th, 2016.**

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# OVERVIEW

## About this report

This report attempts to comply with the word and spirit of the requirements outlined in the LNC Policy Manual for the post-election Ballot Access Committee Report. Election results are as reported as of 11/30. Secretaries of State are the source of this information unless otherwise noted.

## Sources of information

Information for this report was gathered from the LNC Staff, the Johnson Campaign, and State Parties. The LNC Staff provided the Ballot Access information current from early 2016, and the expenditures of the LNC on ballot access, as well as support in creating this report. The Johnson Campaign provided estimates on how much was spent by the campaign in each state specific to ballot access. State Chairs were asked to provide how much was spent by their State Party to obtain Presidential ballot access. Information about electoral results was gathered either from the Secretary of State, or from the New York Times when SoS data was unavailable. Data gathered from the various state SoS websites is current as of 12/2. The NYT website was updated and is current as of 11/29. In some cases, the SoS website for a state lagged behind the NYT (as determined by number of votes tallied) and in those cases the NYT numbers are used.

## Committee Members

### Voting Committee Members

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## Credits and Thank You

As the chair of this committee, I would like to take this opportunity like to thank each and every contributor for their time and dedication to both the task of obtaining 50+DC access in 2016, and supplying the information for this report. It is important to understand the truly monumental task that is 50+DC. No one else outside of the D/Rs did it.

I thank my fellow committeemen, my fellow LNC members, the LNC staff, state petition coordinators, every Libertarian petitioner, and every petition signer - past and present. And of course, our donors, without whom this wouldn't be possible.

While thousands of hours were donated to ballot access in 2016 (over 100 hours just to prepare this report alone), that time pales in comparison to the time of many dedicated activists and leaders who have given selflessly to grow the Libertarian Party in the past 45 years. We stand upon your shoulders to continue to push for liberty.

This organization we call the Libertarian Party shows that libertarianism, the philosophy, works; through mutual voluntary association, we can accomplish great things. It speaks to the strength of our organization that we are able to accomplish such great things. Here's to 2016, the 45 years before, and to the next 45 years. Thank you, Libertarians, of the past, the present, and the future.

Thank you,  
Ken Moellman, Committee Chair

# 2016 SUMMARY

	LNC Budget	Spent				Signatures			Cost per Signature			JW16 Result
		LNC	Johnson	State/Other	Total	Required	Collected	Valid	Required	Collected	Valid	
AL	\$15,000.00	\$18,750.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$23,750.00	5,000	12,000	---	\$4.714	\$1.979	---	2.09%
AR	\$26,000.00	\$24,997.50	\$0.00	\$8,273.10	\$33,270.60	10,000	15,609	11,918	\$3.327	\$2.132	\$2.791	2.6 %
CT	\$25,000	\$45,003.61	**\$2,000.00	\$7,640.41	\$54,644.02	7,500	16,500	---	\$7.289	\$3.312	---	3.0 %
DC	\$36,000	\$40,893.00	**\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$49,393.00	4,421	18,501	---	\$11.172	\$2.670	---	1.57%
IA	\$0.00	\$764.07	**\$500.00	0.00	\$1264.07	1,500	2,282	---	\$0.843	\$0.554	---	3.78%
IL	\$50,000	+ \$59,291.03	**\$51,000.00	\$40,010.00	\$150,301.03	25,000	54,039	---	\$6.012	\$2.781	---	3.8 %
KY	\$15,000	\$9,230.00	**\$5,000.00	\$20,002.00	\$34,232.00	5,000	12,868	8,304	\$6.846	\$2.660	\$4.122	2.79%
MA	\$25,000	\$26,250.00	\$0.00	\$13,795.00	\$40,045.00	10,000	17,410	14,704	\$4.005	\$2.300	\$2.723	4.2 %
ME*	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	**\$4,500.00	\$39,000.00	\$45,500.00	5,000	7,659	5,200	\$9.100	\$5.941	\$8.750	5.1 %
MN	\$0.00	\$13.50	**\$200.00	\$0.00	\$213.50	2,000	3,211	---	\$0.107	\$0.066	---	3.84%
MT	\$3,722.20	\$3,722.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3722.20	0	0	0	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	5.7 %
NH	\$15,000.00	\$36,088.83	**\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$37,588.83	3,000	5,835	---	\$12.530	\$6.442	---	4.1 %
NJ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	800	1,924	---	\$2.250	\$0.936	---	1.9 %
NY	\$25,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$74,500.00	15,000	32,617	---	\$4.967	\$2.284	---	2.26%
OH	\$12,500	\$19,894.13	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$20,894.13	5,000	12,407	6,730	\$4.179	\$1.684	\$3.105	3.2 %
OK	\$60,000	\$101,365.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$101,365.00	24,745	42,183	28,967	\$4.096	\$2.403	\$3.499	5.7 %
PA	\$62,000	\$42,318.29	**\$500.00	\$7430.66	\$50,248.95	4,000	26,342	---	\$12.562	\$1.908	---	2.40%
RI	\$2,500	\$2,000.00	**\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$9,500.00	1,000	2,150	---	\$9.500	\$4.419	---	3.18%
SD	\$20,000.00	\$14,738.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	14,738.10	6,936	7,680	7,066	\$2.125	\$1.919	\$2.086	5.63%
TN	\$0.00	\$0.00	**\$100.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	275	523	---	\$1.455	\$0.765	---	2.82%
VA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,013.35	\$12,013.35	5,000	9,692	6,500	\$2.403	\$1.240	\$1.848	2.97%
WA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	1,000	1,782	---	\$0.500	\$0.281	---	5.01%
T	<b>\$395,722.20</b>	<b>\$492,319.26</b>	<b>**\$98,300.00</b>	<b>\$169,264.52</b>	<b>\$759,883.78</b>	<b>142,177</b>	<b>303,214</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$5.345</b>	<b>\$2.506</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>

Anything in italics is an estimate based upon the best information available.

+ The Johnson Campaign directly contributed \$20,000 to the LNC for the IL drive, reducing the LNC's burden by \$20,000. The LNC had spent \$79,291.03.

\* Maine was a voter registration drive

\*\* Johnson campaign estimated spending

The number one issue in 2016 was the unexpected increase in petitioning rates. In 2012, the "going rate" was approximately \$2 per signature. In 2016, rates started at \$2.50 per raw signature (at 2/3rds validity), and increased throughout the drive, with some states reaching \$4 per signature. Costs were higher in the bigger states, compounding the cost increases.

All information was collected in good faith, and there are amounts that are not calculated, including in-kind donations of printing, organizing, distribution, collecting, collation, and submission. To collect this information in the future will require additional organization and better coordination with the state affiliates and with the campaign. For some states, the information on validity rates will never be reasonably available.

The Johnson campaign believes they have contributed over \$180,000, however, they were unable to provide details on such expenditures due to internal bookkeeping methodologies. If that is accepted and added, the total cost for 2016 access would be **\$841,583.78**.

# State Election Certification Dates

State	Certification/canvassing date
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Alabama	11/30/16
Alaska	11/29/16
Arizona	12/05/16
Arkansas	11/23/16
California	12/10/16
Colorado	12/08/16
Connecticut	11/30/16
Delaware	11/10/16
Florida	11/22/16
Georgia	11/22/16
Hawaii	No formal deadline
Idaho	11/25/16
Illinois	12/09/16
Indiana	11/29/16
Iowa	12/05/16
Kansas	12/01/16
Kentucky	11/28/16
Louisiana	11/21/16
Maine	11/28/16
Maryland	12/13/16
Massachusetts	11/30/16
Michigan	11/28/16
Minnesota	11/29/16
Mississippi	12/08/16
Missouri	12/13/16
Montana	12/05/16
Nebraska	12/05/16
Nevada	11/22/16
New Hampshire	No formal deadline
New Jersey	12/06/16
New Mexico	11/29/16
New York	12/12/16
North Carolina	11/29/16
North Dakota	11/25/16
Ohio	11/29/16
Oklahoma	11/15/16
Oregon	12/08/16
Pennsylvania	11/28/16
Rhode Island	No formal deadline
South Carolina	11/18/16
South Dakota	11/15/16
Tennessee	11/28/16
Texas	12/12/16
Utah	11/22/16
Vermont	11/15/16
Virginia	11/21/16
Washington	12/08/16
West Virginia	12/08/16
Wisconsin	12/01/16
Wyoming	11/16/16

Source: BallotPedia

Not all states were certified at the time that this report was completed. Therefore the results for the campaign are given from the best source available at the time.

## Election results in this report were compiled on 12/4/2016.

Election results are from the Secretary of State's website, or from the New York Times (which was updated on 11/29), whichever had more up-to-date information, as determined by the total number of votes tallied by each source.

# SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

**Create standard rates** - We need to look at creating standard petitioning rates prior to going into a state. Multiple states had issues of different petitioners being paid different amounts. Part of this is resolved with the non-compete language in our contracts, but we also need to be sure that rates are standard to prevent unnecessary drama on the ground. These rates may include: In-State Petitioner Rate, Out-of-State Petitioner Rate, Override Rate, etc. Also, requiring that a minimum number of signatures be collected before a petitioner would get paid may reduce other pain-points of having to generate small payments.

**Define “Valid Signature”** - A valid signature should be based upon the legal standard in a particular state. When the standard isn't clear, a conservative approach is the safe approach. These standards should be written into contracts as requirements for signatures to be deemed valid.

**Affiliate parties** - Unfortunately, many state parties do not understand the difficulty of obtaining access within their own state, and they certainly do not understand the ramifications that delays in their state cause in other states. The LNC has a responsibility to put the presidential candidate on the ballot. If state parties are unable or unwilling to assist in this task in a timely manner, then the LNC Ballot Access Coordinator should go around the state party. The presidential petitioning cannot be delayed by the gyrations of the State Party. Every effort should be made to prepare state affiliates in advance of a drive, but if an affiliate is not prepared, then the LNC should work around them.

**Start earlier** - We wait too long to start on petitions. These delays can cause problems. When one state runs too long, petitioning resources are delayed in getting into the next state, causing a domino effect. Additionally, petitions started earlier have a lower cost, generally, and are far less stressful for everyone involved.

**Piggy-back petitions when possible** - If there are local candidates that can piggy-back the Presidential ticket, and the state party is cooperating with the LNC Ballot Access Coordinator, we should piggy-back when possible. This requires that the State Party and the candidates are ready when the Presidential petitioning begins. An effort should be made by the LNC Ballot Access Coordinator to have these petitioning tasks align, when possible.

**Dossier of coordinators and petitioners** - Each coordinator and petitioner is different. Build a profile for each and utilize the right person(s) for any particular job.

**Contractors skipping out** - This year saw more petitioners who signed contracts, but did not turn in any signatures. This could have been because of the competition raising prices, but it resulted in unnecessarily increased paperwork.

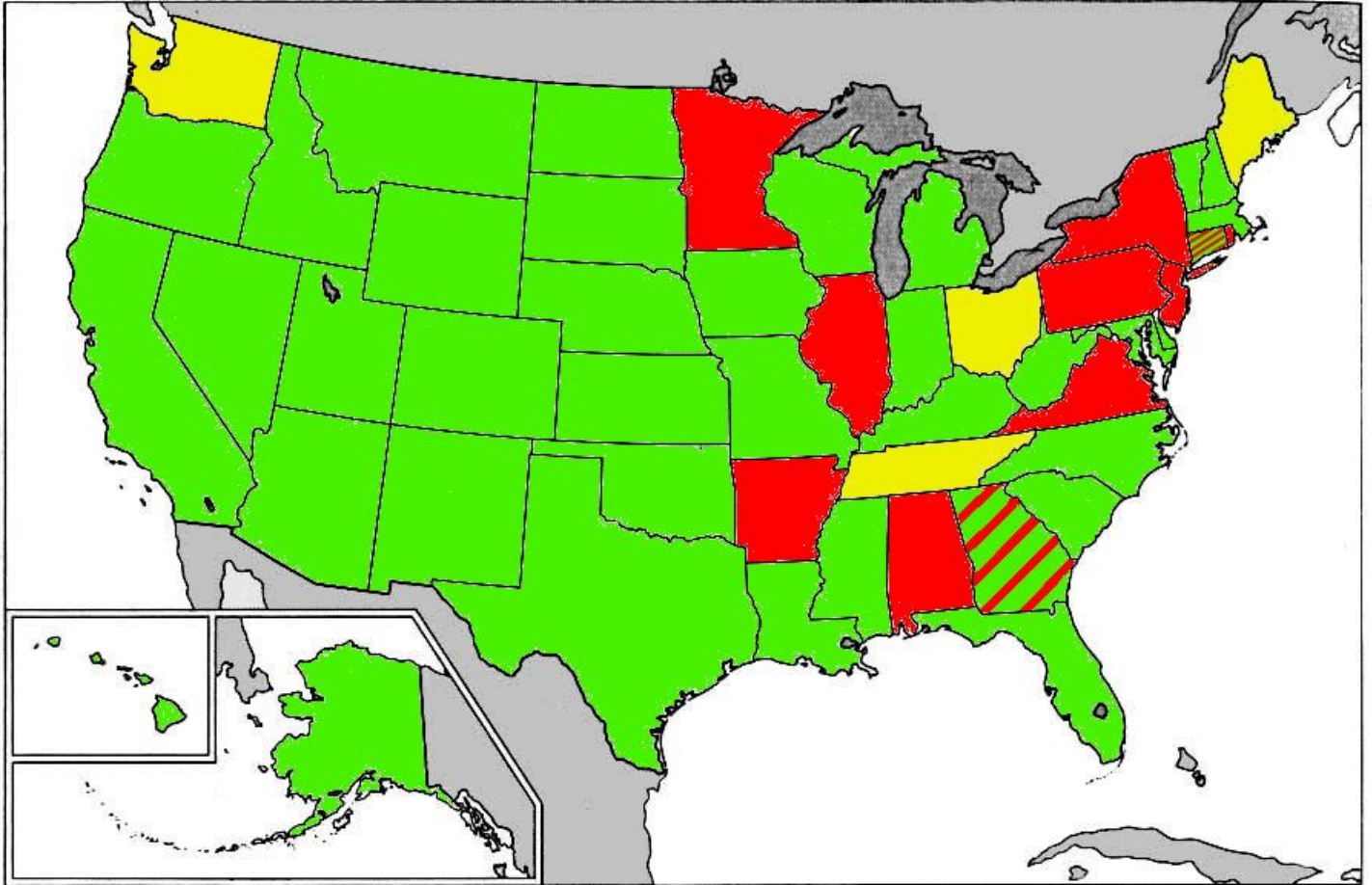
**Non-Compete Clauses** - We should employ non-compete clauses in our contracts to avoid drama caused by petitioners and coordinators arguing over who is owed what. Different coordinators use different methods of compensating their sub-contractors, and this can lead to contractors being stuck with big expenses. Some resources left states before the LP drive in that state was done in order to pursue work on LP petitions in states paying higher rates. This creates chaos, and ballot access drives are already chaotic enough.

**Advances and sole-source contracts** - Most petitioners overpromise and underdeliver. That doesn't hurt so much with simple pay-per-signature agreements where you hire a lot of petitioners and expect only a certain percentage will deliver. The bigger concern is when advanced payments are made or sole-source contracts are offered. Advanced payments should only be made when you're prepared to lose that money. And sole-source contracts should only be offered when you have plenty of time and a contract that provides opportunities for backup plans. A good way to think about it is, "if there's a 50% chance the petitioner won't deliver, would I want to offer this contract?" Leave yourself plenty of time and money in case a contractor is unable to deliver, and keep in mind that suing for damages would not work on petitioners without assets, and won't stop you from missing a state-imposed deadline.

**Petitioning Locations** - It would benefit the various efforts if a set of petitioning locations were researched and cleared ahead of time. Many hours are lost travelling site-to-site looking for locations. Document the petitioning rules in each state. Have an attorney on stand-by when a state actor violates those rules. Have local resources scope out locations. Have a group contact stores ahead of the drive to secure locations. Use Google Maps to find Post Offices and other high-traffic facilities directly on public streets. Use Google to research and document festivals and other events.

# BALLOT ACCESS 2018

Ballot Access as of 12/1/2016



After the 2016 General Election, we now have partial or complete ballot access in 37 states plus DC. Additionally, 4 states may have legal options to gain access that, if successful, would increase access to 41 states plus DC.

States with partial access: Connecticut and Georgia.

States without access: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington.

States with immediate legal opportunity: Maine, Ohio, Tennessee, and Washington.

# Big ballot-access wins for the Libertarian Party

by Bob Johnston and Carla Howell [As published in LP News, Dec. 2016 issue]

As a result of the November vote totals of Libertarian Gary Johnson for president, as well as that of several down-ticket candidates, the Libertarian Party now has ballot access in 37 states, plus the District of Columbia — more states than after any election in the party's history.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for the Libertarian Party," said Nicholas Sarwark, Chair of the Libertarian National Committee. "No other political party, other than the two old parties, has achieved this level of post-election ballot access in over 100 years."

The **Texas** LP retained ballot access with Railroad Commission candidate Mark Miller receiving over 5 percent. The party would have had to collect over 80,000 signatures to get back on the ballot if no statewide candidate had received 5 percent. This will save the party approximately \$220,000 in petitioning cost.

The LP retained ballot access in **North Carolina** for four years, with Gary Johnson and the gubernatorial candidate, Lon Cecil, each getting over 2 percent. The party would have had to collect over 100,000 signatures to get back on the ballot, if neither the presidential nor gubernatorial candidate had achieved 2 percent, saving the party approximately \$250,000 in petitioning cost.

**Oklahoma** retained party status for two years for the first time ever after an election, because Johnson got over 2.5 percent of the vote. Otherwise, about 45,000 signatures would have been needed to get the party back onto the ballot.

LP **Kentucky** is a recognized party for the first time, with Gary Johnson getting over 2 percent. This effectively eliminates the need to collect 5,000 signatures for statewide office and 400 signatures for U.S. House candidates.

LP **New Hampshire** is a recognized party for the first time in two decades, thanks to governor candidate Max Abramson's exceeding 4 percent. This removes the signature-collection requirement.

The **District of Columbia** LP is recognized for only the second time, with candidate for Delegate to the U.S. House Martin Moulton getting over 17,000 votes, significantly reducing the burden of petitioning.

The LP retained ballot access in **North Dakota**, with both Gary Johnson and governor candidate Marty Riske getting over 5 percent of the vote, removing the requirement to collect 7,000 signatures.

LP **New Mexico** became a major party for the first time because of Johnson's garnering over 5 percent of the vote, significantly reducing the number of signatures needed to get Libertarians on the ballot.

In **Connecticut**, Libertarians Dan Reale for U.S. House in the second congressional district, Richard Lion for U.S. Senate, and Gary Johnson for President each received over 1 percent of the vote. As a result, the party will not have to petition for these offices. Without ballot access, 7,500 signatures for president and for U.S. Senate would have been required.

**West Virginia** retained ballot access for four years, thanks to David Moran's receiving over 2 percent in his race for governor, removing the need to collect about 7,500 signatures to regain ballot access.

**Iowa** is a recognized party for the first time ever with Gary Johnson's getting over 2 percent. "Libertarian" will appear as a choice when voters register, and the number of signatures needed to put Libertarian governor and U.S. House candidates on the ballot goes down significantly.

**Massachusetts** is a recognized party again with Gary Johnson's getting over 3 percent. "Libertarian" will appear as a choice when voters register.

**Wyoming** retained party status for two years because U.S. House candidate Lawrence Struempf received over 2 percent of the vote. Libertarians will not need to petition to get on the ballot.

**Hawaii** retained party status for ten years because Libertarians for state senate received more than four per cent of the votes cast for all state senate seats.

The LP easily retained ballot access in the following states: **Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont, and Wisconsin**. Access in Maine is unsettled at the time of this writing.

The party already had secured ballot access through 2018 in Colorado, Indiana, Nebraska, Utah, S. Carolina, S. Dakota, and Missouri. The LP has ballot access in California, although it is hampered in its access to the general election ballot by a "top-two open primary" law, which is also in effect in Washington.



This report was prepared by Bob Johnston. It has three important columns; does the affiliate have ballot-qualified party status, what it will take to become a recognized party in 2018, and what it will take to retain that status from 2018 to 2020.

State	Status	To Become A Recognized Party	Retention
Alabama	No	Must collect signatures equal to 3% of the 2014 gubernatorial vote (35,413). Due 6/5/18. Can start petitioning now. Can also petition for individual county party status and Independent candidates.	To attain party status, statewide or countywide (county-only status) candidate must get 20%.
Alaska	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Governor must get 3%, or maintain registered voters above 3% of the votes cast for 2014 Governor (8,399) as of 5/31/18. Have 7,557 registered voters as of 11/16.
Arizona	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Governor must get 5%, or maintain voter registration above 0.67% as of 11/1/15. Voter registration at 0.87% as of 11/16.
Arkansas	No	Must collect 10,000 signatures, which are due no later than 1/2/18, and must be collected within a 90-day window. Can start now.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 3%.
California	Yes	N/A	2018 statewide candidate gets 2% and party has 1/15 of 1% of the registered voters, or party has registered voters equal to 0.33% of the votes cast in the 2014 gubernatorial election (21,438). Has 139,805 registered voters (0.7%) as of 11/16.
Colorado	Yes	N/A	Has retention through 2020.
Connecticut	Part	Can run candidates by petitioning (statewide 7,500, US House 1% of 2016 race vote) between 1/4/16 and 8/10/16. Can run 2018 candidates for the US Senate and US House 2nd without collecting signatures.	To attain party status, 2018 candidate for Governor must get 20%, or party must have 20% of the party-registered voters. If a petition candidate gets 1%, can run for that same office in the next election without petitioning.
Delaware	Yes	Party must have voter registration of 0.1% on 8/21/18, the number of which is determined on 12/31/17. Has 0.22% of the registered voters as of 11/16.	Maintain voter registration of 0.1% as determined on 12/31/17.
District of Columbia	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Delegate, Mayor, Chairman of the Council, or council member must get 7,500 votes.
Florida	Yes	N/A	N/A
Georgia	Part	Can run candidates for statewide office. Must collect signatures for non-statewide candidates, the amount equal to 5% of the registered voters in the office's specific district, between 1/11/18 and 7/10/18. Must also pay filing fee equal to 3% of the office's annual salary.	If a statewide candidate receives 1% of the registered voters, can run 2020 statewide candidates without petitioning.

Hawaii	Yes	N/A	Statewide candidate or one of the US House candidates must get 10%, or state senate candidates must get 4% of all the votes cast for those races, or state representative candidates must get 4% of all votes cast for those races, or candidates for state senate and state representatives must get 2% of the votes combined for all of those races.
Idaho	Yes	N/A	2018 federal or state candidate must get 3% of the votes cast for Governor, or party must run at least 3 candidates for federal and/or state offices in the general election.
Illinois	No	Must collect 25,000 signatures, between 3/27/18 and 6/25/18.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 5%. If any 2018 non-gubernatorial statewide candidate gets 5%, can run statewide candidates in 2020 without petitioning.
Indiana	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Secretary of State must get 2%
Iowa	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Governor must get 2%.
Kansas	Yes	N/A	2018 statewide candidate must get 1%.
Kentucky	Yes	N/A	Has retention through 2020.
Louisiana	Yes	N/A	Must have 1,000 registered voters as of 4/22/18.
Maine			
Maryland	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Governor must get 1%, or party must have 1% of the registered voters as of 12/31/18.
Massachusetts	Yes	N/A	2018 statewide candidate must get 3%, or party must have 1% of the registered voters.
Michigan	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate must get 1% of the votes cast for Secretary of State.
Minnesota	No	Must collect signatures equal to 5% of the 2016 presidential vote (145,821) by 5/31/18. Can also run candidates by petitioning (statewide 2,000; US House 1,000) between 3/18/18 and 5/31/18.	If statewide candidate gets 5%, becomes a recognized party.
Mississippi	Yes	N/A	N/A
Missouri	Yes	N/A	Has retention through 2020.
Montana	Yes	N/A	Has retention through 2020.
Nebraska	Yes	N/A	Need 2018 statewide candidate to get 5%, or a combination of candidates encompassing the whole state to get 5% in each of their races.

Nevada	Yes	N/A	2018 partisan candidate must get 1% of the cumulative votes cast for the Nevada US House races, or party must have 1% of the registered voters as of 1/1/18. Have 0.9% as of 11/16.
New Hampshire	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Governor must get 4%.
New Jersey	No	Must collect 100 signatures for any non-statewide office, 800 for any statewide office, due 6/6/17. Petitions available the first week of January, 2017.	2017 candidates running for the General Assembly must get 10% of the votes cast for the General Assembly.
New Mexico	Yes	N/A	Has retention through 2020.
New York	No	Must collect signatures for individual candidates (statewide 15,000, US House 3,500). For statewide office petitions, at least 100 signatures each must come from of 1/2 of the counties. Can start petitioning for state candidates on 7/10/18, and are due by 8/21/18.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 50,000 votes.
North Carolina	Yes	N/A	Has retention through 2020.
North Dakota	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Attorney General or Secretary of State must get 5%.
Ohio	No	Must collect signatures equal to 1% of the 2016 presidential vote (53,254) by 7/4/18. Can start petitioning now.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 3%.
Oklahoma	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Governor must get 2.5%.
Oregon	Yes	Must have 0.1% of the registered voters at any time between 5/15/18 and 9/8/18. Currently has 0.8% as of 11/16.	Statewide candidate must receive 1% and party must have 0.1% of the registered voters, or party must maintain 0.6% of the registered voters.
Pennsylvania	No	Must have 15% of the registered voters. Can run individual candidates by collecting signatures equal to 2% of the votes cast for the 2017 elected official of that office, except for statewide office, which is 5,000 signatures. Can start petitioning 3/7/18, and are due by 8/1/18.	Must maintain 15% of the registered voters.
Rhode Island	No	Must collect signatures equal to 5% of the 2016 presidential vote (22,541). Can start 1/1/18, and are due 6/1/18 if nominating by primary, or 8/1/18 if nominating by convention. Can also run Independent candidates by collecting signatures (statewide 1,000, US House 500), due 7/13/18.	2018 candidate for Governor must get 5%.
South Carolina	Yes	N/A	Has retention through 2020.
South Dakota	Yes	N/A	2018 gubernatorial candidate must get 2.5%.

Tennessee	No	Must collect signatures equal to 2.5% of the 2014 gubernatorial vote (33,816), due 5/17/18 if nominating by primary, 8/8/18 if nominating by convention. Can start petitioning now. Can run Independent candidates by collecting 25 signatures. Can start petitioning 1/5/18, and are due 4/5/18.	2018 gubernatorial candidate must get 5%.
Texas	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Governor must get 2%, or any other statewide candidate must get 5%.
Utah	Yes	N/A	Has retention through 2020.
Vermont	Yes	N/A	N/A
Virginia	No	Candidates must collect signatures between 1/2/17 and 6/13/17 (statewide 10,000 with 400 from each of the 11 congressional districts; State Senate 250; House of Delegates 125).	2017 statewide candidate must get 10%.
Washington	No	Candidates must either pay a filing fee (federal \$1,740; Governor \$1,669; state \$421), or collect an equal amount of signatures, due between 5/14/18 and 5/18/18.	N/A
West Virginia	Yes	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin	Yes	N/A	2018 statewide candidate must get 1%.
Wyoming	Yes	N/A	2018 candidate for Governor, Secretary of State, or the US House must get 2%.

# BALLOT ACCESS LAW CHANGES

As reported by Richard Winger:

1. Alabama: recently a US District Court struck down the number of signatures, in special elections. This will be especially helpful if there is a 2017 special election to fill the seat of US Senator Jeff Sessions, likely to be the new Attorney General.
2. Arizona: we are in the middle of our court fight to be able to place our members on our own primary ballot. Evidence is being filed now. If we win this case, we will again be able to have candidates for congress and legislature, which were not in 2016. The law we are fighting was passed in 2015, so it was not a problem in the past and we had lots of candidates for congress and the legislature in Arizona between 1976 and 2014.
3. Arkansas: we have won round one of our battle against the 2015 law that forces us to nominate all our candidates (except president) in November of the year before the election.
4. California: the Ninth Circuit is about to receive briefs in the lawsuit against one aspect of the top-two system. Specifically the ban on party labels for candidates who are members of unqualified parties. A win in this case might be the straw that breaks the back of the top-two system, which is already reeling from multiple attacks in the Los Angeles Times.
5. Connecticut: we won our 2016 lawsuit against the ban on out-of-state circulators.
6. Georgia: in 2016 a US District Court struck down the requirement that minor party and independent candidates for president need approximately 50,000 signatures. Although this has no direct impact on us in Georgia, it is an important victory that may be useful against other bad states.
7. Illinois: in 2016 we won our lawsuit in US District Court against the full-slate law, which should make it easier for us to petition for county office in the future. The state is appealing. Also an independent candidate won in 2016 against the 5% petition for minor party and independent candidates for US House. If this case is also won in the 7th circuit, it will hugely help us to run more candidates for US House in Illinois. We had no such candidates in 2016.
8. Maine: in 2016 we won injunctive relief against the December of the year before the election deadline for new parties. The Secretary of State will ask the legislature for an all-around better law for party recognition, as a result of what has been accomplished already in the lawsuit.
9. Maryland: in 2016 a US District Court virtually struck down the number of signatures for an independent for statewide office (over 40,000). This has no direct impact on us in Maryland but will help fight bad laws in other states.
10. Missouri: in 2015 the Constitution Party won in US District Court against a county ordinance that said only the two largest parties can run in special elections for partisan county office. This precedent will help us in Kansas if we have to sue get into an upcoming special election for US House, due to Congressman Pompeo's likely becoming CIA director.
11. New Hampshire: we are waiting for the First Circuit to rule on our lawsuit against the 2013 law that makes it illegal to work on the party petition in an odd year. Although we are now on the NH ballot, this case will help us if we go off the ballot in the future, and will be a good precedent for fighting similar laws in other states.
12. New York: our case against the out-of-state circulator ban is in the fact-gathering stage.
13. Ohio: our case in state appeals court will be of the utmost importance for our ability to regain ballot status in this state.
14. Pennsylvania: our case in the 3rd circuit against the county distribution requirement for statewide state office is very likely to win, and it wins, that will destabilize the law on how Democrats and Republicans get on their primary ballots for statewide state office. That will force the legislature to substantially revamp the ballot access laws, something that legislature has been refusing to do since 1980, despite 7 other ballot access victories in court.
15. South Dakota: our case in US District Court against the petition deadline for new parties will determine whether that state will be forced to let newly-qualifying parties nominate by convention, which will be extremely beneficial if it happens, because now the mandatory primary plus the difficult primary petition requirements has kept most Libertarian from running for Governor, Congress and legislature. For instance this year we had no such candidates.
16. Tennessee: The Green-Constitution lawsuit now in the 6th circuit over the party petition will be hugely important for our own future party status. This year Gary Johnson was only on as an independent, something that was also true only in Ohio and Alabama.
17. Texas: Rocky De La Fuente's ballot access lawsuit, if it wins, will force the legislature to ease at least some ballot access laws.

# STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS

## How to read this part of the report

Each report is formatted similarly:

## State Name

### Summary

A summary of the state drive, when available and applicable.

Links to important candidate Information

Ballot Access details

(State party) Pre-election Status

Johnson result

(State party) Post-election Status

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	(Validity rates provided when available.)
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	(Validity rates provided when available.)
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	(Validity rates provided when available.)
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	(Validity rates provided when available.)
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	(Validity rates provided when available.)

**Original LNC Budget:** \$

**Total Expenditure:** \$

LNC Expenditure: \$

JW16 Expenditure: \$

State Expenditure: \$

**What went right:**

**What went wrong:**

**How to do better:**

### Ballot Access for 2018

What did a state party do with ballot access the last time that they ran? What would a state party do with ballot access in 2018? What would it take to get that party access in 2018?

# Alabama

## Summary

Paid signature gathering began on June 11 and ran through August 18. The independent petition method was used, because a party petition requires over seven times as many signatures.

Elections: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/>  
Minor Party Info: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/downloads/election/2016/mpp-info-2016.pdf>  
Presidential: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/downloads/election/2016/pba-2016.pdf>  
Independent: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/downloads/election/2016/ic-info-2016.pdf>  
Election Law: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/electionLaw.aspx?sm=voters> (title 17)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 3% of those who voted in the most recent race for Governor (2014: 1,180,413; 3% = 35,413), and the signatures must be filed by the date of the primary election (2016: March 1). Can start petitioning any time after previous election for next general election (§17-6-22).
- Retention: statewide cand must get 20% (§17-13-40). If a county-wide cand receives 20%, county gets party status.
- If party not recognized, candidates can run as Ind. Must collect signatures equal to 3% of those who voted in the most recent race for Gov in the jurisdiction running. Sigs are due the date of the primary election (§17-9-3(a)(3)).
- Primary election held on the first Tuesday in June, except in Presidential years, the primary is held on the first Tuesday in March (§17-13-3).
- Can run an Independent candidate for President by collecting 5,000 signatures (§17-14-31). Ind. Presidential signatures must be filed 82 days prior to the election date (2016: Aug. 18). No substitution (§17-14-31).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 2.09% with 44,211 votes.

Post-election Status: Unrecognized. Did not do partisan petition, did not reach 20%.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>12,000</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	7,500
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	2,000
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	2,500

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 15,000.00

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 23,750.00</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 18,750.00
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 0.00
State Expenditure:	\$ 5,000.00

**What went right:** Paid drive was managed by Paul Frankel and TE Finnegan. Pay rate did not have to be hiked, unlike many other states. Number of signatures we were shooting for did go up midstream, but only because there was a question about how state checks validity. We had some good locations that we already knew about from past petition drives, and petitioners cooperated on maximizing those locations.

**What went wrong:** An issue arose when petition signatures were not secured and accounted for. There is a question of whether some signatures were lost by state party officers. How state checks validity: we need to be careful what we say on turn-in. They will check at 5k raw, but only if we indicate that we think this is our final turn-in if all 5k valid, even though we know there's no chance of that.

**How to do better:** As with other states, ramping up quickly as soon as we can start needs to be taken better advantage of. We need to make sure all signatures are secured and accounted for at all times. Contracts should be signed before work commences, not after the fact.

### Ballot Access for 2018

To obtain automatic access in 2020, a petition drive to give party status would be necessary, and any statewide candidate in 2018 would need 20% to maintain access. LP Alabama retained statewide ballot access 2000 by running candidates for statewide office; the candidate for *Supreme Ct. Justice, Pl. 2* received 225,969 votes, or 20.16% of the statewide vote, in a two-way race. Another race that same year, for PSC President, received 197,569 votes, or 17.6% of the statewide vote. Almost 60 candidates ran as Libertarians all up and down the ballot in 2002, and it could have been many more if the state party executive director had time to review all of the applications. Ballot access was not retained because Democrats and Republicans had candidates for every statewide office in 2002. Since 2002, LPA had one candidate for a single state house district (out of 105) in 2006; the presidential candidates "without party label" in 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016; and just over a dozen party-branded candidates for county and subcounty offices in Jefferson, Shelby, Bibb and Chilton counties in 2014 thanks to an out of state PAC. A petition drive would require 35,413 valid signatures; approximately 58,432 raw signatures. The timeline for completion is over 1 year, with no restriction on a start date and the deadline being June 6th, 2018. In the Facebook group "Alabama Libertarians", there was strong and enthusiastic interest in running for partisan office if LPA were to get back on the ballot. You can read that thread here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2210901693/permalink/10154830826286694/>. The cost for this drive would be between \$116,000 and \$175,000, with an estimated cost of \$146,000. If LP Alabama were to receive 20% in any statewide race in 2018, they would retain party access for 2020. In 2014, the candidate for State Treasurer ran unopposed, and a Libertarian candidate would have likely reached the 20% threshold.

# Alaska

## Summary

We are recognized as a party, as the 2014 Libertarian candidate for Governor received over 3%. We could maintain access by boosting registration numbers. We had 7,024 registered voters as of June 2016. If we had 8,400+ registrations, we would have access regardless of the Gubernatorial campaign results. This number of registrants does change based on the number of people who vote in the Gubernatorial election.

Elections: <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/>

Political Parties: [http://www.elections.alaska.gov/pi\\_rp.php](http://www.elections.alaska.gov/pi_rp.php)

Election Law: <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folio.asp> (title 15)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, must have registered voters equal to at least 3% of the votes cast in the last general election for Governor as of May 31 of the year of the election (2014: 279,958; 3% = 8,399) (§ 15.80.008), or...
- Candidate for Governor must get 3% (§ 15.80.010(25)(a)) (see "Political Parties" above).
- If there is no race for Governor, then use the votes cast for the US Senate candidate, else use the US House candidate (§ 15.80.010(25)(b)(c)).
- If party is not recognized, can run a candidate for statewide office by collecting signatures equal to at least 1% of the votes cast in the most recent general election for Governor (1% = 2,800) (§ 15.25.160). Signatures are due the date of the primary election (§ 15.25.150).
- The primary election is held on the third Tuesday in August (§ 15.25.020).
- Can run a candidate for President by collecting signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast in the last election for President. If candidate receives 3%, can run candidate in the next Presidential election. Signatures are due 90 days prior to the general election (§ 15.30.025).
- Presidential paperwork due September 1 of the election year (§15.30.020).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. 2014 Governor received over 3%.

Johnson result: 5.88% with 18,785 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized. No change.

### Ballot Access for 2018+

To maintain access for 2020, our 2018 candidate for Governor must get 3%, or party must maintain voter registration of 3% of the number of votes cast for governor in 2014 (8,399 registrants) on 5/31/18. Currently have 7,557 as of 11/16. Estimated cost to be safely above 8,399 registrants is \$10,000.



# Arizona

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Arizona.

Elections: <http://www.azsos.gov/election/>

Candidate Handbook 2014: [http://www.azsos.gov/sites/azsos.gov/files/candidates\\_and\\_political\\_committees.pdf](http://www.azsos.gov/sites/azsos.gov/files/candidates_and_political_committees.pdf)

Election Law: <http://azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp?Title=16>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 1 1/3% of the votes cast for Governor in the most recent election (2014: 1,537,671 => 20,451) Party is on the ballot for 2 general elections following recognition (§ 16-801).
- Petitions must be filed with the Secretary of State no later than 180 days before the election in which the party wishes to participate (§ 16-803). Can participate in the primary or only the general election.
- Retention: candidate for Governor or President must get 5% (§ 16-804.A), or party have 2/3 of 1% of the registered voters as of October 1 of the year preceding the next general election (§ 16-804.B). The Secretary of State will determine the sufficiency of the voter registration for party status by February 1 of the election year (§ 16-804.C).
- Can run as an Independent candidate by collecting signatures equal to 3% of the non-primary-party registered voters in the district (§ 16-341.E).
- Independent Presidential candidates must collect signatures between 60 and 90 days prior to the general election. Signers cannot have signed a petition for another Independent Presidential candidate (§ 16-341.G).
- The number of signatures necessary for Independent candidates to collect is determined by March 1 of the election year. Any registered voter can sign the Independent candidate petition (§16-341.F).
- Presidential paperwork due 60 days prior to the general election (2016: September 9) (§ 16-341.G).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Currently have 0.75% of registered voters @ 6/16.

Johnson result: 4.16% with 106,327 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized. No change.

### Ballot Access for 2018+

To have automatic access in 2020, our 2018 candidate for Governor must get 5%, or party must maintain voter registration of 0.67% of all voters. Currently have 0.87% as of 11/16.

# Arkansas

## Summary

The Arkansas drive began Mar 23, 2015. 15,609 signatures were collected in 68 days. Total cost of \$33,003 for signatures plus \$267.60 in expenses. Validity checks sampled 11.4% of all raw sigs. Petitions were delivered to the SoS on June 2, 2015. Validity estimated to be 75.5% was actually 76.1%. 11,918 were certified as valid on June 22, 2015. The SoS issued a New Political Party Certification on July 8, 2015. On May 28, 2015, the state moved up the primary election, moving up the petition deadline to Nov 6, 2015. Despite an earlier deadline, LPAR nominated 25 candidates. LPAR won a federal lawsuit contending the earlier deadline was unconstitutional, but the judge declined to allow the nomination of additional candidates. All Arkansas voters saw candidates for President, U.S. Senate and U.S. House, and many other county and local races. Three of four congressional seats and 8 of 34 state house races were two-way races. Johnson received 29,622 votes (2.63%), up from 15,838 (1.52%) in 2012. Other results outperformed 2014.

Elections: <http://www.sosweb.state.ar.us/elections.html>  
New Political Party: [http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/Documents/New\\_political\\_party\\_2012.pdf](http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/Documents/New_political_party_2012.pdf)  
Running For Office (2012): [http://www.arkansas.gov/sbec/pdfs/2012\\_Running\\_for\\_Public\\_Office.pdf](http://www.arkansas.gov/sbec/pdfs/2012_Running_for_Public_Office.pdf)  
Election Law: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/arcode/Default.asp>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect 10,000 signatures within a 90-day period. Signatures must be filed at least 60 days prior to the end of the filing period (March 1, 2016), which is December 31, 2015 (§ 7-7-205(a)).
- The preferential primary election is on the Tuesday 3 weeks prior to the general primary election (2016: May 24), which is held on the second Tuesday in June of the year of the general election (2016: June 14), (§ 7-7-203(a)(b)).
- Retention: candidate for Governor or President must get 3% (§ 7-1-101.21).
- Can run as an Independent candidate for Congress by collecting signatures (statewide 10,000; US House 2,000; or 3% of the registered voters in the district in which the candidate is running, whichever is less).
- Cannot start collecting until 90 days prior to the deadline, which is noon on March 1 of the election year (§ 7-7-103).
- Can have a candidate for President on the ballot if party isn't recognized, by collecting 1,000 signatures, due by noon on the first Monday in August (2016: August 2) (§ 7-8-302(6)).
- Presidential electors due 2 days after the state convention. Presidential paperwork due Sept 15 of the year of the election (§ 7-8-302(1)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized by petition completed in 2015.

Johnson result: 2.6% with 29,829 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Not recognized. Needed 3% to retain.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	15,609	@ 76.3% (official)
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	9,999	@ 73.8% (est.)
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0	
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	4,889	@ 77.6% (est.)
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	721	@ 77.6% (est.)

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 26,000.00 (per 3/7/15 LNC-EC minutes)

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 33,270.60</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 24,997.50
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 0.00
State Expenditure:	\$ 8,273.10

**What went right:** The pace of the campaign was good; petitioning completed in 68 days. Costs reduced by using local canvassers, and negotiation with contractors at the end of the campaign. Average signature rate out of state funds was \$1.66/signature, compared to the \$2.50 paid under the LNC-sponsored contract. Estimates of validity rates were close; estimated validity was 75.1% - 75.9%, compared to the official rate of 76.1%.

**What went wrong:** Volunteers started late and did not generate an adequate contribution to the effort. Validity checking was slow, lacking a quick and efficient software interface. The campaign could have been suspended sooner, submitting perhaps 1,000 fewer raw signatures, which would have saved approximately \$1,200. Petitioners encountered access problems, particularly on college campuses. Petitioners focused primarily on central Arkansas, missing much of the state's northwest population concentration.

**How to do better:** Volunteer efforts need to be mobilized earlier and better-coordinated with the paid-petitioners' activities. Consider timing the beginning of the drive with the state convention (tentatively scheduled for late March or early April 2017). Validity checking software should be upgraded. The campaign should have petitioners in Northwest and Northeast Arkansas as well as in Little Rock.

### Ballot Access for 2018

A petition drive will be necessary to give the party access. The 2018 candidate for governor needs at least 3% of the vote to maintain access for 2020. In 2012, the first year on the ballot, we ran 17 candidates for office. In 2014, it was 26 candidates. In 2016, it was 24 candidates. We expect over 30 candidates for office in 2018, which features 7 statewide offices. Summary of all results: <http://lpar.org/elections/election-results/> . Per BAN, need 10,000 sigs. The projected cost of this drive is between \$30,000 and \$45,000, with a likely cost of \$37,500. Should start in 2017.

# California

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in California.

Elections: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/>

Election Law: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calawquery?code=elec&codebody=&hits=20>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must have registered voters equal to 0.33% of the votes cast at the most recent gubernatorial election, 135 days prior to the primary (2014: 6,496,307; 0.33% = 21,438) (§ 5100(b)), or collect signatures equal to 10% of the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election, on or before 154 days prior to the primary election (10% = 649,631) (§ 5100(c)).
- Retention: party has registered voters equal to 0.33% of the votes cast at the most recent gubernatorial election, 135 days prior to the primary (2016: Jan. 25) (§ 5100(b)), or statewide candidate must get 2% at the most recent gubernatorial election and must maintain 1/15 of 1% of the reg voters (§ 5100(a), 5101).
- Has a top-two primary; all candidates, except for President, must run in the primary election, regardless of party, if any; top two run in the general election. Primary elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June (2016: June 7) (§ 1201).
- If party not recognized, can run an Independent Presidential candidate by collecting signatures equal to 1% of the registered voters between 88 and 148 days prior to the general election (§ 8400, 8403(a)).
- To run for office, candidates must pay filing fees (statewide office: 2% of the annual salary, US House: 1%) (§ 8103). May collect signatures in lieu of the filing fee (statewide office 10,000; US House 3,000) (§ 8106(a)). Signatures must be filed 15 days prior to the close of the nomination period (§ 8106(b)(3)).
- Presidential paperwork due October 1 of the election year (§ 7100, 7300).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Party has 121,876 registered voters as of 2/16.

Johnson Result: 3.4% with 478,499 votes.

Post-election Status: Still Recognized. Party has 139,805 registered voters as of 11/16.

### Ballot Access for 2018+

To maintain for 2020, we need a statewide 2018 candidate gets 2% and party has 0.067% voter registration, or party has voter registration at 0.33% of the votes cast in 2018 gubernatorial election. Had 139,805 (0.7%) as of 11/16.

# Colorado

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Colorado.

Elections: <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.html>

Cand Information Guide (2012): <http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Candidates/files/HowToRunForOffice.pdf>

Election Law: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/colorado/> (title 1)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect 10,000 signatures, due the second Friday in January of the election year in which the party wishes to participate (§ 1-4-1302(1)).
- Retention: candidate for statewide office in either of the last 2 general elections gets 1%, or party has 1,000 registered voters prior to July 1 in either of the last 2 general elections (§ 1-4-1303(2)).
- Can also run candidates by collecting signatures (President 5,000; other statewide office 1,000, US House 800, or 2% of the votes cast for that office in the last general election, whichever is less) (§ 1-4-802.c).
- Signatures for minor party candidates may be collected between the first Monday in February (2016: Feb. 1), and 85 days prior to the primary election (2016: April 4). (§ 1-4-802.d (II),f(II)).
- Signatures for unaffiliated candidates may be collected between 117 and 173 days prior to the general election (§ 1-4-802.d (I),f(I)).
- If the party is not recognized and a statewide candidate gets 5%, then qualifies as a recognized party for next 2 general election cycles. Also, the party is recognized if it has at least 1,000 registered voters as of July 1 of the election year (§ 1-4-1303(1)).
- Presidential paperwork due 60 days prior to the election (§ 1-4-701(3)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. 2014 statewide candidates received over 1%.

Johnson Result: 5.18% with 144,121 votes.

Post-election Status: Retained. Johnson result extends access through 2020.

### Ballot Access for 2018+

LP Colorado has retention through 2020.

# Connecticut

## Summary

The earliest date to collect was January 1. When Joshua Katz took over the drive in May, only a couple hundred signatures had been collected. The drive was completed on August 10th. A temporary injunction for the 2016 petitioning barring enforcement of an out-of-state petitioner ban. Right after petitioning was completed, the court made the injunction permanent.

Elections: <http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp?a=3172&q=525432>

Nominating Petition: [http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/lib/sots/electionservices/nominating\\_petitions\\_info/frequently\\_asked\\_questions\\_nominating\\_petition.pdf](http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/lib/sots/electionservices/nominating_petitions_info/frequently_asked_questions_nominating_petition.pdf)

Election Law: <http://www.ct.gov/seec/cwp/view.asp?a=3571&Q=425444&PM=1> (title 9)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, candidate for Governor in the most recent general election must get 20%, or have at least 20% of the party registered voters at the time of the gubernatorial election (§ 9-372(5)).
- If party is not recognized, candidates must obtain signatures equal to at least 1% of the amount of votes for that office in the last general election, or 7,500, whichever is less. Signatures must be from those eligible to vote for the candidate(s) listed on the petition (§ 9-453(d)).
- Circulators must be registered CT voters (§ 9-453(e)).
- Can run for same office w/o having to petition if 1% of vote total was received for that race (§ 9-372(6)), (§ 9-379).
- Cannot start to petition until the first business day in January of the election year (§ 9-453(b)), and are due 90 days prior to the general election @ 4 pm (2016: August 10) (§ 9-453(i)).
- If party can run a candidate in a race as a minor party candidate (e.g. 2016 US Senate & US House 2<sup>nd</sup>), candidate must be nominated 62 days prior to the general election (2016: September 7) (§ 9-452).
- Can substitute (§ 9-460).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized. Can run 2016 US House (2<sup>nd</sup>) candidate and US Senate candidate w/o petitioning.

Johnson result: 3.0% with 48,650 votes. (NYT) Richard Lion (US Senate): 1.14% with 18,182 votes.

Daniel Reale (US Congress 2nd): 1.50% w/ 4,949 votes. Richard Lion (State Rep 9th): 12.9% with 1,070 votes.

Post-election Status: Partial access. President in 2020, and US Senate, US Congress 2nd, and State Rep 9th in 2018.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>16,500 (approx)</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	14,000 (approx)
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	2,000 (approx)
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	500 (approx)

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 25,000.00 (per 2/1/2016 LNC-EC minutes)

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 54,644.02</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 45,003.61
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 2,000.00 (est)
State Expenditure:	\$ 7,640.41

**What went right:** We gathered enough signatures and gained ballot access. The state board contributed significant sums towards the end, when it was clear that costs were running high. Directly-hired petitioners such as Kevin Brook, Mark Greenstein, Jamaal Butler, and Will Preston were consistent and delivered high validity rates. Gary Summers was a pleasure to work with.

**What went wrong:** Petitioning began too late. Coordinators delayed the start and then increased rate. Petitioners were dishonest. Coordinators did not shield party from petitioners. Underestimated level of effort for validity checking. There was a "who's in charge" problem. Volunteers were almost non-existent. Internal validity was far higher than the state totals.

**How to do better:** Better communication. Clarity on responsibilities. Tighter grip on contractors. Start on time.

### Ballot Access for 2018+

To gain full party access for 2020, would need petition of 7500 signatures to place governor on the ballot in 2018, and candidate for governor needs 20% result, or party needs 20% voter registration.

# Delaware

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Delaware.

Elections: <http://elections.delaware.gov/default.shtml>

Election Law: <http://delcode.delaware.gov/title15/index.shtml> (title 15)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, must have 0.1% of the registered voters determined by the last day of the year preceding the general election (653) 21 days prior to the primary (2016: August 23) (§15-3001).
- Non-Presidential primary elections are held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September (2016: September 13) (§15-3101(3)).
- Presidential primary election is held the fourth Tuesday in April of the year of the Presidential election (2016: April 26) (§15-3181).
- Can run an Independent candidate by collecting signatures equal to 1% of the registered voters as of December 31 of the year prior to the general election in the district in which the candidate is running. The candidate can also not have been registered with a political party for 3 months prior to submitting the paperwork. Signatures must be collected between January 1 and July 15 of the year of the general election, and submitted by September 1 (§15-3002).
- Minor party candidates must be nominated at a convention by August 1 of the election year (§15-3301(e)).
- Presidential paperwork due August 15 of the election year (§15-3301(e)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Have 1,265 registered voters (0.19%) as of 6/16.

Johnson Result: 3.35% with 14,757 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized. Have 1519 registered voters (0.22%) as of 11/16.

### Ballot Access for 2018+

Must maintain voter registration rate of 0.1% as of 12/31/17. Currently have 0.22% as of 11/16.

# District of Columbia

## Summary

Petitioning period opened on June 17. We began July 1. Turn-in date was Aug 10. Challenge period ended Aug 20. The LNC EC voted to fund 3 drives at once: Johnson, Moulton for Delegate, and Klokkel for City Council, hoping one would win the needed 7,500 votes. Bruce Majors began a run for city council, but he dropped out due to his work circumstances.

Elections:

<http://www.dcboee.org/home.asp>

Candidate Qualification and Ballot Access:

[http://www.dcboee.org/popup.asp?url=/pdf\\_files/nr\\_844.pdf](http://www.dcboee.org/popup.asp?url=/pdf_files/nr_844.pdf)

Election Law:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/dccode/> (title 1, chapter 10)

Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, a candidate for Delegate, Mayor, Chairman of the Council, Council member, Attorney General, or President in the preceding general election must get 7,500 votes (§ 1-1001.08(d)(h2)).
- If not a recognized party, a candidate for city-wide office must collect signatures from 3,000 registered voters or 1.5%, whichever is less. Council member: 500 signatures or 1.5% (§ 1-1001.08(j)(1)).
- To run a candidate for President, must collect signatures from 1% of the registered voters (§ 1-1001.08(f)).
- Cannot begin until the 143<sup>rd</sup> day prior to the general election (2016: June 17), and are due 90 days prior to the election (2016: August 10). Number of reg voters determined 144 days prior to election (§ 1-1001.08(f)(i)).
- If party is recognized, candidates must collect signatures. City-wide: 2,000 or 1% of the registered party voters, whichever is less; Ward: 250 or 1% of the party-registered voters in the specific ward. (§ 1-1001.08(i)).
- If the party is recognized, signatures must be collected between 90 and 144 days prior to the primary. The primary election is held on the first Tuesday in April (§ 1-1001.10(a)(1)). Primary now held on second Tuesday in June.

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson results: 1.57% with 4,906 votes. Martin Moulton (Delegate) results: 5.99% with 18,713 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized. Candidates for delegate and for city council both received over 7,500 votes.

	GJ/WW	est valid	Moulton	est valid	Klokkel	est valid
<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>7,972</b>	<b>62.89%</b>	<b>5,329</b>	<b>59.28%</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>59.69%</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	7,408			4,689		4,645
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0			0		0
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0			0		0
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	564			640		555

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 36,000.00 as 20,000 (JW) and \$16,000 (Klokkel & Moulton)

**Total Expenditure:** \$ 49,393.00

LNC Expenditure: \$ 40,893.00

JW16 Expenditure: \$ 8,500.00 (est)

State Expenditure: \$ 0.00

**What went right:** Ballot access was achieved with down-ticket. Putting \$7.00 on the boards attracted enough petitioners to get the job done. Sanford Pankin was the key to success in DC drive. Costs were contained by voluntary housing of Pankin in home of DC area Libertarian. John LaBeaume assisted with accepting turn-ins, validity checking, and the final turn-in.

**What went wrong:** Domino effect: Other states running long caused a slow start. Out-of-district petitioners must register with DCBOE which caused problems; several petitioners who came to weekend petition couldn't get through traffic before DCBOE closed and most didn't come back. Moulton and Klokkel were added, requiring a 2nd trip to DCBOE for petitioners. The drive ran to the deadline. Dates for each signature required a year. We struggled to find people who could validate sigs.

**How to do better:** D.C. is a city-state. Validity in cities is generally poor. We should never plan for more than 60% validity in D.C., and then only with tight management and good petitioners. A solid validation plan should exist prior to petitioning beginning. We should lobby to at least allow online registration of out-of-district petitioners, for the DCBOE to offer Saturday hours, or to allow registration after the start of petitioning.

## Ballot Access for 2018+

Candidate for Delegate, Mayor, Chair of Council, or council member must reach 7,500 votes to maintain to 2020.

# Florida

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Florida.

Elections: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/>  
Qualifying Information (2016): <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/candidate/Qualifying-info.shtml>  
Election Law: <http://dos.myflorida.com/media/693802/election-laws.pdf>

### Ballot Access:

- To be a recognized major party, must have 5% of the registered voters as of January 1 of the year preceding a primary election (§ 97.021.(18)). To become a recognized minor party, must file specific documents (§ 103.095).
- A minor party may run a candidate for President if it is affiliated with a national party and holds a convention to nominate a candidate for President (§ 103.021(4(a))).
- If party is not recognized, can run candidate for President by collecting signatures equal to 1% of the registered voters as of the preceding general election, and are due by July 15 of the election year (§ 103.021(3)).
- To run for office, candidates must pay a fee of 6% of the annual salary of the office sought (2014: US Senate and House \$10,440) (§ 99.092). Instead of paying the filing fee, candidate may collect signatures equal to 1% of the registered voters in the district of the office sought (2014: statewide 119,345) (§ 99.095).
- Signatures are due by noon of the 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding the first day of the qualifying period (2016: federal - April 4, state - May 23) (§ 99.095(3)). The qualifying period is between 116 and 120 days prior to the primary election for federal office, and 67 and 71 days for state office (§ 99.061(1)). Primary elections are held on the Tuesday 10 weeks prior to the general election (§ 100.061).
- Presidential paperwork due September 1 (§ 103.021(4(a))).

Pre-election Status: Recognized.

Johnson result: 2.2% with 207,043 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Recognized.

### Ballot Access for 2018+

Nothing to do to maintain status.



# Georgia

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Georgia. We are recognized for statewide candidates only.

Elections: <http://www.sos.ga.gov/elections/>

Candidate Information: [http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/information\\_for\\_candidates](http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/information_for_candidates)

Election Law: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/gacode/Default.asp> (title 21)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidate for Governor or President must get 20% (§ 21-2-2(25)).
- If party is not recognized, can run candidates for statewide office by collecting signatures equal to 1% of the registered voters eligible to vote in the prior election (51,436 @ 10/14) (§ 21-2-180(1)).
- Can also run candidates for statewide office if a statewide candidate gets at least 1% of the registered voters in the last general election (§ 21-2-180(2)).
- For non-statewide candidates, must collect signatures from **5% of the registered voters eligible to vote in the prior election for the specific election district** (§ 21-2-170(b)).
- Must also pay filing fee equal to 3% of the office's annual salary (§ 21-2-131(a)(1)(B)).
- Filing period for Independent and non-recognized party candidates is from the fourth Monday in June to noon on the following Friday (2016: June 27-July 1) (§ 21-2-132(d)(1)).
- **Cannot collect signatures 180 days before due** (2016: January 13) (§ 21-2-170(e)). Signatures are due by noon on the second Tuesday in July (2016: July 12) (§ 21-2-185).

Pre-election Status: Recognized (statewide only). Can run statewide candidates, as 2014 candidates received over 1%.

Johnson result: 3.06% with 125,306 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized (statewide only).

### Ballot Access for 2018+

Statewide candidate must receive 1% of the vote in order to maintain statewide access. County-level access based on countywide races.

# Hawaii

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Hawaii.

Elections: <http://hawaii.gov/elections>

Qualify a Political Party: <http://hawaii.gov/elections/factsheets/fsbo121.pdf>

Election Law: <http://hawaii.gov/elections/info/laws/> (TOC)

[http://capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01\\_Ch0001-0042F/HRS0011/HRS\\_0011-.htm](http://capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01_Ch0001-0042F/HRS0011/HRS_0011-.htm) (title 2)

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01\\_Ch0001-0042F/HRS0011/HRS\\_0011-0061.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01_Ch0001-0042F/HRS0011/HRS_0011-0061.htm)

(chapter 11, part V; Parties)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 0.1% of the registered voters as of the previous general election, and must be filed 170 days prior to next primary (2016: February 15) (§ 11-62(a)), which is held on the second Saturday in August (2016: August 13) (§ 12-2).
- If party qualifies for 3 consecutive general elections through petition process or specific election results (§ 11-61(b)), gains retention for 10 years, as long as it runs a candidate in each general election (§ 11-62(d)).
- If party not recognized, can run an Independent Presidential candidate by collecting signatures of registered voters who intend to support the candidate equal to 1% of those who voted in the previous Presidential election, due 90 days prior to the general election (2012: 436,683; 1% = 4,367) (§ 11-113(c)(2)).
- Presidential paperwork due 60 days prior to the general election (§ 11-113(c) (1)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Met voter threshold for state representative races in 2014.

Johnson result: 3.6% with 15,954 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized.

### Ballot Access 2018+

We believe, at this time, that Hawaii may qualify for 10 years of ballot access. If not, then the 2018 election cycle may hold the key to that level of access. At this time we are unable to confirm the status of Hawaii, other than to note that access has been retained through 2018.

# Idaho

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Idaho.

Elections: <http://www.sos.idaho.gov/elect/eleindex.htm>

Election Law: <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title34/T34.htm> (title 34)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 2% of the votes cast for President in the last presidential election (2012: 666,290; 2% = 13,326) (§ 34-501(c)).
- Petitions must be turned in to the Secretary of State no later than August 30 of the year in which the party wishes to participate in a general election. Cannot start collecting signatures before August 30 of the previous year (§ 34-501(c)(D),(c)(G)).
- Retention: must run at least 3 candidates for state or national office, including President (VP doesn't count) in most recent general election (§ 34-501(a)).
- ...or by having one of its candidates for state or national office get 3% of the votes cast for Governor or President in that election (§ 34-501(b)).
- Can run as an Independent candidate for federal office by collecting signatures (1,000 US Senate, 500 US House), due the 10<sup>th</sup> Friday prior to the primary election (§ 34-704,708), which is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in May (§ 34-601(1)).
- Can run as an Independent candidate for President by collecting 1,000 signatures by August 25 of the election year (§ 34-708.A).
- Presidential paperwork due September 1 of the election year (§ 34-711).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Ran more than 3 candidates for state or national office in 2014.

Johnson status: 4.1% with 28,331 votes.

Post-election Status: Retain. Johnson over 3%.

### Ballot Access 2018+

We continue to have access in 2018 because we have run continuously to retain access. If we continue to run at least 3 candidates for federal/statewide office in 2018 then we will retain to 2020.

# Illinois

## Summary

This year was an unusual one for ballot access in Illinois. Signatures went for an impressively high rate in California, and it made hiring experienced, reliable contractors extremely difficult. Contractors literally laughed when offered \$2.50/sig, a very good rate based on what had been previously paid for ballot access petitioning in Illinois. This year 17 contractors turned in work. Final turn-in resulted in a large dump very late Sunday evening before the SBOE turn in, creating workload and financial constraints.

Elections: <http://www.elections.illinois.gov/>  
Candidate Information: <http://www.elections.illinois.gov/Downloads/ElectionInformation/PDF/2016CanGuide.pdf>  
Election Law: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=170&ChapterID=3>.

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidate for Governor must get more than 5%.
- If a statewide non-gubernatorial candidate in a general election gets 5%, can run statewide candidates. 5% for any candidate for the US House allows ballot access for that specific seat.
- If the party is not recognized, can run candidates by collecting signatures equal to 1% of those who voted in the last general election, or 25,000, whichever is less. Must also run a full slate of statewide candidates.
- Can also run a congressional candidate by collecting signatures equal to 5% of the votes cast in that district in the preceding general election, or 25,000 signatures, whichever is less. For a general election following a census, 5,000 signatures (10 ILCS 5/10-2).
- Signatures must be collected in a 90-day period prior to the date for candidates to file (2016: March 22) (10 ILCS 5/10-4)), and are due between 134 and 141 days prior to general election (2016: June 20-27) (10 ILCS 5/10-6)).
- A Recognized party must collect signatures (statewide 5,000; US House 0.5% of the votes cast in the preceding general election in that district), due between 106 and 113 days prior to the primary (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)), which is held on the 3rd Tuesday in March (5/2A-1.1(a)). Can't start petitioning more than 90 days prior to the filing deadline.

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 3.8% with 208,682 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Unrecognized. Gubernatorial race is the ballot access race and will be held in 2018.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>54,039 @ 65.97%</b>	
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	24,416 @ 61%	*LNC and State validity combined
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	1,405 @ 32%	*First Place Campaigns, LLC
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	18,338 @ 61%	*LNC and State validity combined
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	13,621	validity was not checked for volunteer sigs

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 50,000.00 per 3/7/16 LNC-EC minutes

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 150,301.03</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 59,291.03
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 51,000.00 (est)
State Expenditure:	\$ 40,010.00

**What went right:** Good volunteer signature validation effort. Our contract and subcontractor agreement forms were definitely something done well. We had the highest amount of donations ever, paired with the highest amount of sigs turned in.

**What went wrong:** Petitioning rates elsewhere caused price increases. The high amount of contractors made the paperwork, validation, and payment tracking a much larger task than normal. Some inexperienced contractors turn in batches with extremely low validity. Had to increase rate up to \$3.50 per sig.

**How to do better:** A firm set of directions from start to finish for both contractors and volunteers should clean up any of those small issues and streamline the process. Assigning a firm number of signatures to contractors and holding firm on the turn in deadline is very important to avoid any large mishaps at the end.

### Ballot Access for 2018+

The 2018 candidates guide has not yet been released by the SBOE, but we can assume the same start date (around the 29th of March and lasting 90 days) and signature requirement (25,000). A challenge will be more likely since it is not a presidential election year, so 40,000 is the minimum and 50,000 is the goal. LP Illinois is preparing a full slate, and working with potential candidates for 2018. That ticket would include Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Comptroller. This drive in 2018 is estimated to cost between \$75,000 and \$125,000, with \$100,000 being a realistic estimate. To retain for 2020, the candidate for governor would need to reach 5% in 2018.

# Indiana

## Summary

There was not a ballot access drive in Indiana. Indiana has retained access since 1994.

Elections: <http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/>

Candidate Information: [http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2016\\_Candidate\\_Guide\\_Complete.pdf](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2016_Candidate_Guide_Complete.pdf)

Election Law: <http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title3/> (Title 3)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidate for Secretary of State must get 2% (IC 3-8-4-1).
- If party is not recognized, a candidate may run for office by collecting signatures equal to 2% of the votes cast for Secretary of State (2014 = 1,334,995; 2% = 26,700 signatures for statewide office) in that specific election district in which the candidate is running for office (IC 3-8-6-3).
- Independent and non-recognized-party candidate petitions are due between the first day of the period a declaration of candidacy can be filed, which is 118 days prior to the primary election (IC 3-8-2-4(a)), and June 30 of the election year (IC 3-8-6-10(b)).
- Primary elections held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May (IC 3-8-6-10(b)).
- If the candidate for Secretary of State receives 10%, then the party is a major party. If the candidate gets between 2% and 10%, then the party is a minor party. Minor parties nominate by convention (IC 3-8-4-10). List of minor party candidates nominated at convention, including President, must be submitted by noon on July 15 (IC 3-8-7-8).
- Major party candidate for US House must collect 4,500 signatures, with 500 from each congressional district, due 91 days prior to the primary election (IC 3-8-2-10(a)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized minor party. 2014 SoS candidate received 3.4%.

Johnson result: 4.89% with 133,993 votes.

Post-election Status: Unchanged. Access based on SoS race.

### Ballot Access 2018+

To retain for 2020, the LP candidate for Secretary of State must obtain 2% of the vote. There is a proposal to reduce the number of signatures required for non-qualified parties, meaning that competition in the SoS race may increase, and LPIN may be at risk of losing access if that were to happen.

# Iowa

## Summary

Iowa required 1,500 valid signatures before August 19th. No validity checking was performed. Andy Burns and Chris Thrasher went to Iowa to assist with gathering extra signatures beyond the 1600 collected by volunteers. A total of 2282 signatures were submitted on August 18th.

Elections: <http://sos.iowa.gov/>  
Ballot Access News: <http://www.ballot-access.org/2012/08/two-iowa-voters-challenge-gary-johnson-placement-on-iowa-ballot/>  
Election Law: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/ElectionLaws/ElectionLaws.pdf>  
Cand Guide (2014): <http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/candidates/2014gencandguide.pdf>

### Ballot Access:

- To be a recognized party and for retention, candidate for Governor or President must get 2% (§ 43.2).
- To get candidates on the ballot if the party is not recognized, must collect signatures: statewide 1,500 (minimum 10 counties), US House 1,500/# of congressional districts (375) (§ 45.1).
- Can also get candidates on the ballot by nominating conventions. Must have at least 250 electors for President, 50 for US House (§ 44.1).
- Can get candidates on the ballot by using above convention method and collecting 250 signatures, as the LPIA used this method to get 2012 Presidential candidate Gary Johnson on the ballot (see Ballot Access News article, above).
- All petitions and paperwork, including that for President, must be turned in between 81 and 99 days prior to the general election (2016: August 1 – August 19) (§ 44.4(1)). Can start petitioning any time.
- No substitution (§ 45.5).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 3.78% with 59,186 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized. Johnson vote total gave access.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>2,282</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	2,282

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 0.00

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 1264.07</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 764.07
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 500.00 (est)
State Expenditure:	\$ 0.00

**What went right:** This was a successful volunteer effort. All states which accomplish their petitioning requirements on a volunteer basis should be applauded.

**What went wrong:** Some outside assistance was required when the LNC required LPIA to collect more signatures than they were expecting and used to collecting. The extra requirement wasn't properly communicated to the state affiliate ahead of time, creating an end-of-drive push.

**How to do better:** LNC should communicate that unless there is active petition validation, it should be assumed that validity is 66% at best, even on a volunteer drive.

### Ballot Access 2018+

The Iowa candidate for governor must obtain 2% in order to retain access for 2020.

# Kansas

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Kansas.

Elections: <http://www.kssos.org/elections/elections.html>

Candidate Filing Information: [http://www.kssos.org/elections/16elec/2016\\_Candidate\\_Filing\\_Information.pdf](http://www.kssos.org/elections/16elec/2016_Candidate_Filing_Information.pdf)

Election Law: [http://www.kslegislature.org/li/statute/025\\_000\\_0000\\_chapter/](http://www.kslegislature.org/li/statute/025_000_0000_chapter/) (chapter 25)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 2% of the votes cast in the most recent election for Governor (2014: 847,988; 2% = 16,960).
- Signatures must be submitted by noon, June 1 of the election year in which the party wishes to run candidates (KS 25-302a).
- Retention: statewide candidate must get 1% in each general election (KS 25-302b).
- Can run an Independent candidate for President or statewide office by collecting 5,000 signatures; for US House, 4% of the registered voters of the district or 5,000, whichever is less (KS 25-303b,c).
- Independent candidate signatures due the Monday prior to the primary election (KS 25-305b).
- Primary elections held on the first Tuesday in August (2016: August 2) (KS 25-203).
- Presidential paperwork due by noon, June 1 (KS 25-205a).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Statewide candidates received 1% or more in 2014.

Johnson result: 4.7% with 55,406 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Retained. Johnson received more than 1%.

### Ballot Access 2018+

In order to retain access for 2020, a candidate for statewide office must obtain at least 1% of the vote in their race.

# Kentucky

## Summary

Kentucky was the last state to start and the second-last state to be completed. The LNC portion of the drive started on 8/18 and was turned in on 9/6. LPKY turned in their petition first (30 minutes before the Green Party) which is important to avoid signature disqualification for duplication.

Elections: <http://sos.ky.gov/elections/>

Becoming A Candidate: <http://sos.ky.gov/elections/BecomingACandidate/Pages/default.aspx>

Election Law: <http://elect.ky.gov/laws/Pages/default.aspx>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, Presidential candidate must get 20% (KRS 118.015(1)).
- A party whose most recent Presidential candidate did not get 20%, but did get at least 2% is recognized as a "political organization", and may nominate candidates by primary or convention (KRS 118.325(1)).
- If the party is not recognized, nor is considered a "political organization", can get a candidate on the ballot by collecting signatures: 5,000 for statewide, 400 for US House.
- Cannot start collecting signatures until the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year prior to the election (2016 elections: November 4) (KRS 118.315(2)).
- Non-Presidential signatures due the second Tuesday in August (2016: August 9) (118.365(3)).
- Presidential signatures are due the Friday following the first Tuesday in September prior to the election (2016: September 9) (KRS 118.365(6)).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 2.79% with 53,749 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized. First time ever recognized.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>12,868 @ 64.532%</b>
<b>Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>3,893 @ 63.267%</b>
<b>Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:</b>	Approx 734 @ 66.000% (est)
<b>Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:</b>	Approx 5,448 @ 64.354% (est)
<b>Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:</b>	Approx 2,793 @ 66.237% (est)

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 15,000.00 (per 6/16/2016 LNC-EC minutes)

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>Approx \$ 34,232.00</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 9,230.00
JW16 Expenditure:	Approx \$ 5,000.00
State Expenditure:	\$ 20,002.00

**What went right:** This drive used petitioners who had petitioned in Kentucky recently. Therefore, the petitioners were ready to go. LPKY's attorney was able to unlock locations from which we were improperly barred within 2 hours of being thrown out. Volunteers turned in much more than expected based on previous volunteer efforts.

**What went wrong:** The drive started late due to timeline over-runs in VA and DC. The effort was split between the State and National organizations, and "who's in charge" wasn't clear. Went way over because of petitions returned last-minute.

**How to do better:** Clarify roles and responsibilities up-front. Better overall planning would prevent the compressed timeline.

### Ballot Access 2018+

Kentucky retains access through 2020.



# Louisiana

## Summary

There was not a petition in Louisiana.

Elections: <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/tabid/68/Default.aspx>

Election Law: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?folder=92> (title 18)

### Ballot Access:

- To be a recognized party and for retention, must have 1,000 registered voters 90 days prior to the opening of the qualifying period of any election (2016: June 10), file a notarized registration statement and pay a fee of \$1,000 to the Secretary of State (§ 18.441.B).
- The qualifying period in gubernatorial elections begins on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August of the election year. The qualifying period in congressional elections begins on the third Wednesday in July of the election year. Qualifying period open for 3 days (2016: July 20-22) (§ 18.467).
- Must run a candidate in a primary election at least every 4 years (§ 18.441.B (6)). A party can also maintain party status by having a candidate for statewide office, including President, get 5% of the votes in a primary or general election (§ 18.441.C(1)).
- Gubernatorial primary election held on the second-to-last Saturday in October (2015: October 24). Gubernatorial general election held on the fourth Saturday after gubernatorial primary (2015: Nov. 21) (§ 18.402.A).
- Primary elections for congressional offices are held on the general election day for other states. General elections, if necessary, are held on the fifth Saturday after the primary election (§ 18.402.B).
- Any candidate who receives a majority of the votes in the primary election is considered elected, and does not participate in the general election (§ 18.511.A), else the top 2 advance to the general election (§ 18.481).
- Presidential paperwork due the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in September of the election year (2016: September 6) (§ 18.1253.E).

Pre-election Status: Recognized.

Johnson result: 1.87% with 37,978 votes.

Post-election Status: Qualifying. Appear to just need \$1000 and paperwork to qualify.

### Ballot Access 2018+

Must have 1,000 registered voters on 4/22/18 and register with the Secretary of State.

# Maine

## Summary

A voter registration drive was undertaken to register 5,000 Libertarians. The law is a bit confusing as to what happens, but we needed 10,000 people to be registered Libertarian (including same-day registration) and vote in the 2016 election to retain.

Elections: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/index.html>

Candidate Info: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/2014/guide14.doc>

Election Law: <http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/21-A/title21-Ach0sec0.html>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must enroll 5,000 voters between December 1 of an even-numbered year and December 1 of the following year.
- Must file Declaration of Intent to form a party between Dec. 1 and Dec. 30 prior to enrolling new voters (§21A.303).
- Can also become a political party if candidate for Governor or President gets 5% (§21A.302).
- Retention: must have at least 10,000 party-registered voters participate in next general election, and hold a caucus in each of the 16 counties and a state convention each primary election year.
- Retention lasts for 2 general election cycles (§21A.301).
- To run a candidate for statewide office, must collect 4,000 - 6,000 signatures; US House 2,000 – 3,000. Cannot start before January 1 of the election year (§21A.354.5,6). Will be listed on ballot as "Libertarian" (§21A.354.1).
- No substitution (§21A.354.1.B).
- Presidential petitions due August 1 of the election year with the SOS, and must be checked by the registrar by July 25. Other candidate petitions due June 1 of the election year, and must be checked by the registrar by May 25 (§21A.354.7, 8-A).

Pre-election Status: Recognized.

Johnson result: 5.1% with 37,578 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Uncertain.

**Number of total signatures + Validity rate: 7,659 @ 68% (est)**

Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate: Not separated

Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate: Not separated

Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate: Not separated

Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate: Not separated

**Original LNC Budget: \$ 3,000.00 (per 6/22/16 LNC-EC minutes)**

**Total Expenditure: \$ 45,500.00**

LNC Expenditure: \$ 2,000.00

JW16 Expenditure: \$ 4,500.00

State Expenditure: \$ 39,000.00

**What went right:** Maine engaged in outside fundraising to get to 5,000 registered Libertarians, and almost reached that threshold without help. With additional assistance, Maine made it to 5,200 registered Libertarians by the deadline.

**What went wrong:** There were some serious validity problems with voter registration cards, which is pretty disturbing. Low pay to circulators meant production was slow.

**How to do better:** This is another case where the state and the LNC need to be in better communication. The slow production and validity issues led to the LNC and Johnson campaign contemplating scrapping the effort and switching to a petition drive. In the end the petition drive was completed and voter registrations were completed.

## 2018 Ballot Access

Our status is currently unknown in Maine.

# Maryland

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Maryland.

Elections: <http://www.elections.state.md.us/>

Election Law: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/mdcode/>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect 10,000 signatures. Signatures cannot be more than 2 years old as of the last qualifying signature (§ 4-102).
- Gets ballot access for 2 general election cycles (§ 4-103(a)(1)).
- Retention: candidate for Governor or President must get 1% (§ 4-103(a)(2)(i)), or...
- party has 1% of the registered voters as of December 31 of the election year. Retains ballot access until the next December 31 (§ 4-103(a)(2)(ii)). (As of 10/16: need 34,327, have 6,906)
- An Independent candidate can run for office by collecting signatures equal to 1% of those who can vote for that specific race, and the signatures must come from the district of the race in which the candidate is running (§ 5-703(e)(1)).
- Independent and party signatures are due the first Monday in August (§ 5-703(f)(1)).
- Presidential paperwork due 30 days prior to the general election (2016: October 8) (§ 8-503).

Pre-election Status: Recognized.

Johnson result: 2.9% with 79,605 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Retained. Johnson received over 1%.

### Ballot Access 2018+

2018 candidate for governor must get 1%, or the party must have 1% of all registrations as of 12/31/18, in order to retain access for 2020. Currently at 0.49% registrations as of 10/16. Would need approximately 20,000 more registrations to obtain status through registrations, at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

# Massachusetts

## Summary

Petitioning did not start until June 1st because Massachusetts does not allow substitution. Signature collection was completed on July 17th, before the deadline of August 2nd. Massachusetts requires petitions to be sorted by town. Signatures are submitted to town clerks, who perform validation and certification, then collected from the clerks and turned into the Secretary of State. LPMA had enough signatures to qualify on August 2nd but arranged a press event with Vice-pres candidate Weld to turn in the 10000th signature on August 8th. A final batch of signatures was turned in on August 30th.

Elections: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm>  
Candidate Guide (2016): <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Candidates-Guide-generic.pdf>  
Election Law: <http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVIII> (title 8)

### Ballot Access:

- To be a recognized party, statewide candidate must get 3% of the votes cast in each general election, or the party must have 1% of the voters registered (§ VIII.50.1).
- Registration determined as of February 1 of the election year (§ VIII.53.38A).
- To run as an unrecognized party candidate, cannot be registered with a recognized party 90 days or less prior to the filing deadline for party-recognized candidates (§ VIII.53.6).
- All candidates must collect nomination paper signatures (10,000 President, US Senate, Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General; 5,000 other statewide; 2,000 US House) (§ VIII.53.44).
- Nomination papers for non-recognized party statewide candidates must be submitted to the SOS the last Tuesday in August (2016: August 30) (§ VIII.53.10). Papers must be submitted to local election officials for verification 28 days prior to deadline for delivery to SOS (§ VIII.53.46).
- Presidential paperwork due the last Tuesday in August of the election year (2016: August 30) (§ VIII.53.10).
- No substitution (§ VIII.53.8).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized. Have 8,352 registered voters @ 6/16, which is 0.2% of the registered voters.

Johnson result: 4.2% with 136,784 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Recognized. Johnson received over 3%.

**Number of total signatures + Validity rate: 17,410 @ 84.46%**

Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate: Approx 12,410

Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate: 0

Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate: Approx 3,700

Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate: Approx 2,000

**Original LNC Budget: \$ 25,000.00 (per 5/26/16 LNC-EC minutes)**

**Total Expenditure: \$ 40,045.00**

**LNC Expenditure: \$ 26,250.00**

**JW16 Expenditure: \$ 0.00**

**State Expenditure: \$ 13,795.00**

**What went right:** LPMA raised substantial funds to pay for drive. State chair did great job and worked well with National. We had many reliable volunteers for turning in and picking up petitions. End of collection phase was firm and early so we had no problem with delivering and picking up. We turned in almost 3000 petition sheets to 290 cities and towns and retrieved all but 11 sheets with 43 raw signatures. Volunteers were enthusiastic and proactive, lined up their own locations and turned in petitions for validation early on.

**What went wrong:** We ended up with nearly 15000 valid signatures, which means we overspent.

**How to do better:** Nominate the candidate earlier in the year so we could start earlier than June, and/or lobby the Massachusetts legislature to pass a law allowing substitution on petition forms.

### Ballot Access 2018+

Massachusetts retains for 2018. To retain for 2020, a statewide candidate in 2018 must get 3%, or party must have 1% of all registered voters. Would require approximately 23,000 registrations at a cost of about \$230,000.

# Michigan

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Michigan.

Elections: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633---,00.html>

Election Information: [http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633\\_8721\\_11839---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8721_11839---,00.html)

Election Law:

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(5lc0hj552pujgi45qe4rd32w\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-Act-116-of-1954](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(5lc0hj552pujgi45qe4rd32w))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-Act-116-of-1954)  
(Chapter 168)

### Ballot Access:

- To be a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast for Governor (2014: 3,137,941; 1% = 31,379).
- Signatures are due 110 days prior to the general election, and signatures cannot be obtained 180 days before the filing of the petitions.
- Petitions must contain at least 100 signatures from at least ½ of the congressional districts (§ 168.685(1)).
- Retention: candidate must receive 1% of the votes cast for the successful Secretary of State candidate (2014: 1,646,243; 1% = 16,462) (§ 168.685(6)).
- Independent statewide candidates, including US President, can get on the ballot by collecting between 30,000 and 60,000 signatures (§ 168.544f).
- At least 100 signatures coming from ½ of the congressional districts.
- Independent candidate petitions due 110 days prior to the general election. Signatures can be no older than 180 days from date of filing petitions (§ 168.590b, c).
- Presidential paperwork due 1 business day after the state or national convention, whichever is later (§ 168.686).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Candidates in 2014 received over 1%.

Johnson result: 3.59% with 172,136 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized. Obtained Major Party status for Ballot Access purposes.

### Ballot Access 2018+

The 2018 candidate for Secretary of State must obtain 1% to retain ballot access through 2020.

# Minnesota

## Summary

This was a volunteer drive. Andy Burns (LP National) and Chris Thrasher (Johnson campaign) drove in for a short time to assist.

Elections: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=4>  
Candidate Information <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=1783>  
Election Law: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=588#Statutes>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 5% of votes cast in the last general election, which must be filed before the close of the primary ballot period (2016: May 31) (2014: 1,973,872 = 98,693), or...
- must have a statewide candidate in the most recent general election receive 5%, or...
- must have at least 45 candidates for state representative, 23 for state senate, 4 candidate for the US House, and candidates for all statewide offices. Retains major party status for 2 general elections. (§ 200.02.sub 7).
- Primary elections held on the second Tuesday in August (2016: August 9) (2014: August 9) (2014D.03).
- If party is not recognized, can run non-Presidential candidates by collecting signatures 144 days prior to the primary (2016: March 18), and must be submitted between 70 and 84 days prior to the primary election (2014: May 17 to May 31) (statewide 2,000; US House 1,000) (204B.08,.09).
- Can collect equal number of signatures in lieu of the filing fee (204B.11.sub 2).
- Can run a Presidential candidate by gathering 2,000 petition signatures between start of primary filing period and 77 days prior to general election (2016: May 18 to August 23) (204B.09(c)).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson results: 3.84% with 112,972 votes.

Post-election Status: Unrecognized. Needed 5%.

**Number of total signatures + Validity rate: 3,211**

Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:

Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:

Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:

Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:

**Original LNC Budget: \$ 0.00**

**Total Expenditure: \$ 213.50**

**LNC Expenditure: \$ 13.50**

**JW16 Expenditure: \$ 200.00 (est)**

**State Expenditure: \$ 0.00**

**What went right:** The state party did show a marked improvement over 2012 when the drive had to be done with paid petitioners.

**What went wrong:** The state party should have gotten the petitioning done in 1 month but it ran up to the very end to submit. 2 volunteers not connected with the state party did a heroic job in collecting 1000 signatures or 1/3 of the total needed. If this did not happen we would have cut it much closer. Andy Burns also submitted a few hundred signatures which was LNC subsidization (only in terms of time allocated). There wasn't a strong organized effort to get this project done, and there was a lot of downtime in between signature collecting efforts.

**How to do better:** Set a deadline of approximately mid-July and wrap up the drive.

### Ballot Access for 2018

Party ballot access petition would require approximately 150,000 signatures. The cost is estimated to be between \$300,000 and \$450,000, with a realistic number being \$360,000. Alternate mechanisms need to be considered; can put individual candidates on with fewer signatures per candidate. In order to retain, a statewide candidate in 2018 would need over 5%. May have legal options based on signature requirement.

# Mississippi

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Mississippi.

Elections: <http://www.sos.ms.gov/Elections-Voting/Pages/default.aspx>

Election Law: <http://www.sos.ms.gov/links/elections/home/tab5/ElectionCodeRev020209.pdf> (chapter 15)

### Ballot Access:

- Must organize a party according to Election Code 23-15-1053, 1061, and 1063, then can place candidates on the ballot.
- Can run as an Independent candidate by collecting signatures (statewide 1,000; US House 200). Signatures due the day party-recognized primary candidates must file paperwork and fees, but no earlier than January 1 of the election year (23-15-359).
- Can run as an Independent Presidential candidate by collecting signatures. Signatures due 60 days prior to the general election (23-15-785(1)(2)).
- Presidential paperwork due 60 days prior to the general election (2016: September 9) (§ 23-15-785(1)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized.

Johnson result: 1.2% with 14,411 votes. (Source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Unchanged.

### Ballot Access 2018+

The requirements are simple enough that we will retain through 2020.

# Missouri

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Missouri.

Elections: <http://www.mo.gov/government/elections-and-voting/>  
Election Law: <http://www.moga.mo.gov/STATUTES/C115.HTM>  
Candidate Information: [http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/s\\_default.asp?id=candidate](http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/s_default.asp?id=candidate)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect petition signatures from 10,000 registered voters (§ 115-315).
- Signatures are due the fifteenth Monday prior to the general election. Can submit signatures any time after last general election (§ 115-329).
- After becoming a political party, statewide candidate must get over 2% of the vote. Becomes an established political party (§ 115-317(2)).
- Retention: established party - statewide candidate in either of the last 2 general elections must get 2% (§ 115-013.10), (§ 115-317(3)).
- Can run as an Independent candidate (statewide 10,000; else 2% of those who voted for that office in the most recent election for that office (§ 115-321). Filing deadline same as for new party (see above).
- Presidential candidate must be certified to the Secretary of State within the twelfth Tuesday prior to the general election, or within 7 days after the nomination, whichever is later (2016: August 16) (§ 115-399).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Several 2014 statewide candidates achieved 2%.

Johnson result: 3.458% with 96,404 votes.

Post-election Status: Retained. Multiple statewide candidates received over 2%.

### Ballot Access 2018+

Missouri has retention through 2020.



# Montana

## Summary

There was not a petition in Montana. However, from the 2/20/16 LNC minutes: BALLOT ACCESS FUNDING FOR MONTANA: Mr. Olsen moved that \$3,722.02 of ballot access funds be encumbered to be used for funding candidate filing fees for candidates for Governor and U.S. Representative of Montana for the 2016 election. Motion passed.

Elections: <http://sos.mt.gov/Elections/index.asp>

Election Law: [http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca\\_toc/13.htm](http://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/13.htm) (title 13)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 5% of the votes cast for the successful gubernatorial candidate, or 5,000 electors, whichever is less.
- Retention: candidate for statewide office within last 2 general elections must get 5% of the votes received by the successful gubernatorial candidate (2012: 438,439; 5% = 21,922).
- Must get signatures from at least 1/3 of the legislative districts, with at least 5% of the votes for the successful gubernatorial candidate in those districts, or 150 electors, whichever is less (§ 13-10-601).
- Petitions are due 92 days prior to the primary election (§ 13-10-601(2)(c)(d)).
- Can run as an Independent candidate by collecting signatures equal to 5% of the votes cast for the office in the previous general election (§ 13-10-502). Can get a party label on the ballot (§ 13-10-501(3)).
- Nominating petitions due one week prior to the primary election (§ 13-10-503).
- Independent candidate for President must collect 5% of the votes cast for Governor, or 5,000, whichever is less. Petitions due 83 days prior to general election. Can get a party label (§ 13-10-504).
- Presidential paperwork due 76 days prior to the general election (2016: August 22) (§ 13-25-101).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Several 2012 candidates received over 5%.

Johnson result: 5.7% with 28,036 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Retained. Johnson result extends access to 2020.

**Original LNC Budget:**                      \$ 3,722.20      **NOTE: Funds were used for filing fees for candidates, not petitioning.**

**Total Expenditure:**                      \$ 3,722.20

LNC Expenditure:                      \$ 3,722.20

JW16 Expenditure:                      \$ 0.00

State Expenditure:                      \$ 0.00

### Ballot Access 2018+

Montana has access through 2020.

# Nebraska

## Summary

There was not a petition in Nebraska.

Elections: <http://www.sos.ne.gov/dyindex.html#boxingName>.

Candidate Information: <http://www.sos.ne.gov/elec/2016/pdf/2016-Instructions-Candidates-Filing.pdf>

Election Law: <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/browse-chapters.php?chapter=32> (chapter 32)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election (2014: 539,657; 1% = 5,397). Must get 1% in each of the 3 congressional districts (§ 32-716(1)).
- Petitions must be filed by February 1 of the election year to qualify for the primary election, or August 1 to qualify only for the general (§ 32-716(1)).
- Must pay circulators by the hour (§ 32-630(g)).
- Retention: statewide candidate within the last 2 general elections must get 5%, or a combination of candidates which encompass the whole state get 5% in each of their respective districts (§ 32-610).
- If party not recognized, can get on the general election ballot by collecting signatures (statewide 4,000, with 750 per congressional district; else 20% of the vote for Governor or President in the preceding general election for the specific race, or 2,000, whichever is less (§ 32-618(2)).
- Signatures due September 1 of the election year (§ 32-617(1)).
- Can run an Independent Presidential candidate by collecting 2,500 signatures, due August 1 of the election year (§ 32-620).
- Presidential candidate must be certified by the Secretary of State no later than September 8 of the election year (§ 32-712).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Several 2014 statewide candidates received 5%.

Johnson result: 4.69% with 38,746 votes.

Post-election Status: Did not extend. No candidates reached threshold or add up to threshold in 2016. Access through 2018.

### Ballot access 2018+

A 2018 candidate for statewide office must obtain 5% of the vote to extend through 2020, since Johnson did not reach 5% in NE.

# Nevada

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Nevada.

Elections: <http://nvsos.gov/index.aspx?page=3>  
Election Guide (2016): <http://nvsos.gov/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=3776>  
Election Law: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-293.html> (chapter 293)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, a candidate must get in the most recent general election 1% of the votes cast for the NV US House races (2014: 543,009; 1% = 5,431), or...
- Must have 1% of the registered voters as of January 1 of the election year, or...
- Collect signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast for all of the NV US House races.
- Party petitions must be submitted to the appropriate county clerk 25 days prior to the filing deadline (§ 293.172.1.c), and then filed with the SOS the third Friday in May prior to the general election (§ 293.1715(2)).
- Can run as an Independent candidate by collecting signatures (statewide 250, others 100), between January 2 and the second Friday after the first Monday in March. Must submit petitions to appropriate county clerk 25 days prior to the final day of the filing period (§ 293.200).
- Independent candidate for President must collect signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast for the NV US House in the most recent general election, and are due the second Friday in August. Must submit petitions to appropriate county clerk 25 days prior to the final day of the filing period (§ 298.109).
- Presidential candidate must file nomination papers by first Tuesday in September (2016: September 6) (§ 293.1725.4).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Several 2014 cand over 1% US House cumulative. Have 0.81% of reg voters @ 5/16. Johnson result: 3.32% with 37,384 votes.

Post-election Status: Assume retained; have to add house candidates vote totals. Have 0.93% of reg voters @ 11/16.

### Ballot Access 2018+

To retain through 2020, a candidate must obtain 1% all votes cast in US House races, or reach 1% voter registration as of 1/1/18. Currently, registration is at 0.93% as of 11/16. To safely reach 1%, we would need to add approximately 2,000 registrations in 2017, at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

# New Hampshire

## Summary

New Hampshire ballot access is determined by the Gubernatorial or US Senate race. There was a dispute in which slate of candidates should be placed on the ballot. The candidates chosen at the state party convention were placed on the ballot, despite notice issues with that convention. There is a distribution requirement of 1,500 signatures per Congressional District.

Elections: <http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>  
Filing Information: [http://sos.nh.gov/nhsos\\_content.aspx?id=13052](http://sos.nh.gov/nhsos_content.aspx?id=13052)  
Election Law : <http://sos.nh.gov/ElecLaws.aspx> (chapters 652-671)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized and for retention, cand for Gov or US Senator in each gen election must get 4% (§ 652.11).
- If party not recognized, candidates must collect signatures (President, US Senate, or Governor 3,000 (1,500 from each of 2 congressional districts), Congress 1,500) (§ 655.40-43).
- Can also run candidates for all partisan offices for election by collecting signatures equal to 3% of the votes cast in the last statewide election (2014: 485,534; 3% = 14,566) (§ 655.42.III).
- Signatures must be collected in year of election. No substitution (§ 655.40).
- Primary elections held on the second Tuesday in September (2016: September 13) (§ 653.8).
- Candidates and parties must file Declaration of Intent with the SOS between the first Wednesday in June and the Friday of the following week (2016: June 1–10) (§ 655.14).
- Nomination papers and party petitions must be submitted to the supervisors of the checklist on the Wednesday 5 weeks prior to the primary (2016: August 10), and must be returned to the candidates by the Wednesday 2 weeks prior the primary (2014: August 31) (§ 655.41).
- Nomination papers must be delivered to the Secretary of State's office on the Wednesday 1 week before the primary (2016: September 7) (§ 655.43.I).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson: 4.1% with 30,694 votes.

Source: (New York Times)

Chabot (US Senate) result: 1.8% with 12,988 votes.

Abramson (Gubernatorial) result: 4.3% with 31,099 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized. Max Abramson received more than 4% of the vote in the US Senate race.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>D1 - 3051</b>	<b>D2 - 2784</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	D1 - 3051	D2 - 2784
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:		
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	N/A	N/A
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:		

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 15,000.00

**Total Expenditure:** \$ 37,588.83

LNC Expenditure: \$ 36,088.83

JW16 Expenditure: \$ 1,500.00

State Expenditure: \$ 0.00

**What went right:** Andy Burns and Nick Dunbar were sent in to save the day, and they did a tremendous job.

**What went wrong:** This drive started very poorly. The state nominating convention had apparently been rescheduled without proper notice and there was dispute over which slate was the right slate. The gubernatorial candidate and presidential candidate were the same on each slate. The petition contains multiple candidates.

**How to do better:** This showed the importance of our state affiliates following their own bylaws. When a state has multiple candidates on a petition the importance of the LNC ensuring that the state party has done their due diligence and is following their own bylaws.

### Ballot Access 2018+

To retain for 2020, our candidate for Governor must reach 4% in 2018.

# New Jersey

## Summary

This drive was completed by the state party.

Elections: <http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/index.html>

Candidate Information (2015): <http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/candidate-petitions.html>

Election Law: [http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/om\\_isapi.dll?clientID=2155086&depth=2&expandheadings=off&headingswithhits=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&softpage=TOC\\_Frame\\_Pg42](http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2155086&depth=2&expandheadings=off&headingswithhits=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&softpage=TOC_Frame_Pg42) (title 19)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidates must get 10% of the votes cast for the General Assembly (§ 19:1-1).
- Candidates can get on the ballot by collecting signatures (statewide 800, US House 100) (§ 19:13-5).
- Can have party label on the ballot (§ 19:13-4).
- Can substitute – new candidate must meet signature requirements. Petitions due 64 days prior to general election (§ 19:13-19).
- Primary elections are held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in June (2016: June 7) (19:2-1).
- Signatures for non-Presidential candidates due the day of the primary election at 4 pm.
- Presidential signatures and paperwork due 99 days prior to the general election (2016: August 1) (§ 19:13-9).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 1.9% with 72,477 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Unrecognized. Retention based on odd-year election for General Assembly.

**Number of total signatures + Validity rate: Approx 1,924**

Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate: 0

Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate: 0

Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate: Approx 800

Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate: Approx 1,000

**Original LNC Budget: \$ 0.00**

**Total Expenditure: \$ 1,800.00**

LNC Expenditure: \$ 0.00

JW16 Expenditure: \$ 0.00

State Expenditure: \$ 1,800.00 (est)

**What went right:** This was a volunteer drive that was completed successfully.

**What went wrong:** The rate of pay was low, so the drive was slow.

**How to do better:** This is a relatively simple state, but it has an out-of-state circulator ban that should be challenged.

### Ballot Access for 2018+

There is no mechanism for statewide access in New Jersey. In 2018, all legislative seats will be up for election, and ballot access is incumbent on all Libertarian candidates for General Assembly receiving 10% of all votes cast statewide for General Assembly.

# New Mexico

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in New Mexico. Also, Gary Johnson lives here.

Elections: <http://www.sos.state.nm.us/>

Election Law: [http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Public\\_Records\\_And\\_Publications/2015-election-handbook.pdf](http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Public_Records_And_Publications/2015-election-handbook.pdf)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures for 0.5% of the votes cast in the preceding election for Governor (2014: 512,805;  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  = 2,565) (§ 1-7-2.A).
- Signatures are due the 23<sup>rd</sup> day after the primary election (§ 1-7-2-A, 1-7-4.A) (same as minor candidate filing deadline).
- Retention: must have at least one candidate on the ballot within the last two general elections, and if a candidate is running for Governor or President, they must get 0.5% (§ 1-7-2.c).
- Non-Presidential candidates must collect signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast for Governor in the last general election within the district in which they are running for office, and are due 23 days after the primary election (§ 1-8-2.B), which is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June (2016: June 7) (§ 1-8-11).
- Minor party and Independent candidates cannot start petitioning until March 1 of the year of the election (§ 1-8-50e).
- Can run an Independent candidate for office by collecting signatures equal to 3% of the votes cast for Governor at the last general election (§ 1-8-51). Signatures are due 23 days after the primary election (§ 1-8-52).
- Presidential paperwork due 56 days prior to the general election (2016: September 13) (§ 1-15-3).
- Major Party status depends on President or Governor over 5%, voter registration over  $\frac{1}{3}\%$  on the day of the governor's primary election proclamation.

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Presidential candidate received over 0.5% in 2012 general election.

Johnson result: 9.34% with 74,541 votes.

Post-election Status: Retained. Can obtain Major Party status. Johnson received over 5%. Voter reg must be kept over  $\frac{1}{3}\%$ .

### Ballot Access 2018+

We have retention through 2020, and will be a major party as long as we maintain voter registration. This would appear to require 4,307 voter registrations in New Mexico. Numbers on how many there are currently was not available. This registration drive should happen in 2017.

# New York

## Summary

The petitioning period only for federal candidates in New York was moved up this year by three weeks, commencing in mid-June rather than the traditional start date of the Tuesday after Independence Day, and also ended three weeks earlier than usual on July 26. New York petitioners still had only six weeks to obtain 15,000 valid signatures. As New York is a challenge state, we aimed for 25,000 - 30,000 raw sigs. Petitioners must be qualified to vote in New York.

Elections: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/>  
Running For Office (2014): <http://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/law/2014RunningForElectiveOffice.pdf>  
Election Law: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/law/2013NYElectionLaw.pdf>  
New federal calendar (2016): <http://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/law/2016FEDERAL-STATEcombinedlegalCALrev2.pdf>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidate for Governor must get 50,000 votes (§ 1-104.3).
- If party not recognized, candidates must run as Independents. Statewide offices require signatures of 15,000 or 5% of the reg voters, whichever is less (voter reg > 10,000,000 @ 11/10). US House races require 3,500 valid sigs.
- A minimum of 100 signatures must come from at least half of the congressional districts (§ 6-142).
- Circulators must be in-state registered voters. Party registration is irrelevant for independent petitions..
- Only voters registered as the candidate's party can sign a petition for a recognized party candidate (§ 6-140.1.b).
- Signatures must be filed 11 weeks prior to the general election (2016: August 23) (§ 6-158.9), and cannot begin collecting until 6 weeks prior to the filing deadline (July 12) [state candidates only] (§ 6-138.4).
- Federal candidates started petitioning June 21, and completed petitions were due August 2.

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 2.26% with 162,273 votes; 1.53% with 109,965 votes as Independence Party  
0.73% with 52,308 votes as Libertarian Party \* different elector slates

Post-election Status: Unrecognized. No way to gain access in 2016. Next chance is 2018.

Number of total signatures:	32,617
Number of paid signatures:	25,000
Number of volunteer signatures:	7,617

Original LNC Budget: \$ 25,000.00 (plus \$20,000 total from State Party and JW16)

Total Expenditure:	\$ 74,500.00
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 45,000.00
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 17,000.00
State Expenditure:	\$ 12,500.00

**What went right:** A separate petitioning entity was created which allowed the drive to be centralized and well coordinated. As has been the case every two years in the past forty-two except for 1986, LPNY submitted a sufficient number of raw signatures to deter challengers from filing specifications and pursuing attempts to disqualify the Libertarian statewide candidates from the ballot.

**What went wrong:** The largest problems were (1) inadequate production in the first four weeks, (2) reduction in volunteer production and (3) the tremendous cost increases for paid petitioning, exceeding an average of **\$2.98 per signature**.

**How to do better:** Must have paid petitioners available to start on first day of petitioning period. Need candidates who will attract greater volunteer interest.

### Ballot Access for 2018

In 2018, LPNY will run candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller. The four statewide positions can be combined on a single petition form and at least 15,000 valid signatures must be submitted at that time to achieve ballot access for 2018. Once again, LPNY will seek to obtain 25-30,000 raw signatures to withstand any potential challenges. Automatic ballot access will be achieved and maintained for four years only if the Gubernatorial candidate obtains at least 50,000 votes on the Libertarian line. That has never happened in past years. This drive will cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000, with a reasonable estimate being approximately \$60,000. Drive cannot start until 2018.

# North Carolina

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in North Carolina.

Elections: <http://www.ncsbe.gov/ncsbe/>

Election Law: <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statutes/StatutesTOC.pl?Chapter=0163> (chapter 163)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 2% of the votes cast in the last election for Governor, (2012: 4,468,295; 2% = 89,366), of which at least 200 must come from each of 4 congressional districts.
- Signatures are due by noon on the first day of June of the year of the general election (§ 163–96(a)(2)).
- Retention: candidate for Governor or President must get 2% (§ 163–96(a)(1)). Governor and President elected in same general election, so if party petition is completed prior to a mid-term general election, party is on the ballot for 2 general elections.
- Presidential paperwork due by noon on the first Friday in August of the election year (2016: August 5) (§ 163–209).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. 2012 gubernatorial candidate received 2%.

Johnson result: 2.74% with 130,132 votes.

Post-election Status: Retained.

### Ballot Access 2018+

Party has retention through 2020.



# North Dakota

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in North Dakota.

Elections: <http://www.nd.gov/sos/electvote/>

Election Law: <http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t16-1.html>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect 7,000 signatures, due by 4 pm 64 days prior to the primary election, which is held on the second Tuesday in June (2016: June 14) (§ 16.1-11-01).
- Retention: a candidate in a general election for President, Governor, Secretary of State, or Attorney General must get 5% (§ 16.1-11-30).
- Party petitions cannot have signatures dated more than one year prior to the date of the filing of the petitions (§ 1-01-50).
- Can run a Presidential candidate by collecting 4,000 signatures, due 64 days before general election (2016: September 5).
- Presidential candidate does get party label (§ 16.1-12-02).
- Can run an Independent statewide candidate by collecting 1,000 signatures, due 64 days prior to the general election (2016: September 5) (§ 16.1-12-04.1).
- Independent statewide candidate cannot start collecting signatures until 150 days prior to the filing deadline (2016: April 8) (§ 16.1-12-02.1).
- Cannot start circulating Presidential petitions until January 1 of election year (§ 16.1-12-02).
- Must pay circulators by the hour (§ 16.1-01-12.11).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Candidate for Secretary of State received 5%.

Johnson result: 6.22% with 21,434 votes.

Post-election Status: Retained. Johnson received more than 5%.

### Ballot Access 2018+

2018 candidate for Attorney General or Secretary of State must reach 5%.

# Ohio

## Summary

Ohio's new Ballot Access laws were put in place in 2014. The Secretary of State delayed the release of the new petition for Party Formation until January 2016, causing a delay in starting that process. As a result, the Independent Petition was chosen to ensure our candidate would be on the ballot. The party petition would have required approximately 30,000 valid signatures in 2016, and it is estimated that the party petition will require 60,000 valid signatures in 2017. The party petition has a distribution requirement. The independent petition required 5,000 valid signatures. The independent petition began on 3/26 and ran until 8/8.

Elections: <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections.aspx>

Election Law: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/35> (title 35)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast for either Governor or President in the most recent general election (2014: 3,001,794; 1% = 30,056).
- At least 500 signatures must come from half of the congressional districts.
- Party petitions must be filed more than 125 days before the general election (2016: July 6).
- Retention: candidate for Governor or President must get 3%. Party is recognized for 2 general election cycles (§ 3517.01(A) (1)).
- The primary is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, except in Presidential election years held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in March (2016: March 15) (§ 3501.01(E)(1)(2)).
- Can run Independent candidates for statewide office by collecting 5,000 signatures (15,000 maximum). Independent Presidential candidate must file 90 days prior to the general election (2016: August 10); non-Presidential candidates must file by 4 pm the day prior to the primary election (§ 3513.257).
- Presidential paperwork due 90 days prior to the general election (2016: August 10) (§ 3505.10).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 3.2% with 174,266 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Unknown.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>12,407 @ 54.24% (est)</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	9,227 @ 49.76%
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0 @ -----
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	350 @ 50.00% (est)
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	2,830 @ 69.38%

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 12,500.00 (from 4/27/16 LNC-EC minutes)

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 20,894.13</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 19,894.13
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 0.00
State Expenditure:	\$ 1,000.00 (est)

**What went right:** A handful of solid volunteers helped ensure validation went smoothly.

**What went wrong:** One contractor failed to collect signatures in a timely manner, and we should have done a better job of enforcing the "by XYZ date" clause in the contract. Validity was very low all around.

**How to do better:** Use known, reliable contractors. Shorten the period until "end date" in future contracts.

### Ballot Access for 2018

In 2014, LP Ohio lost ballot access due to a lawsuit orchestrated by the Republican Party and allies of John Kasich. Various cases have been litigated in both state and federal courts, and the courts have not provided relief. The state courts found that the Republicans did engage in shenanigans; the Federal courts found the opposite. This drive should cost between \$159,000 and \$238,500, with \$200,000 being a reasonable estimate and can start immediately. Candidate for governor in 2018 would need 3% to retain through 2022.

# Oklahoma

## Summary

We had not been on the ballot in Oklahoma since 1996. The petition requirements were reduced from 5% to 3%, and the decision was made to go for 50+DC access in 2016. Oklahoma's drive was successfully completed in 2015-2016.

Elections: <http://www.ok.gov/elections/>

Election Law: <http://www.oklegislature.gov/osStatutesTitle.aspx> (title 26)

BAN article: <http://ballot-access.org/2016/05/05/oklahoma-ballot-access-bill-signed-into-law/>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must gather signatures equal to 3% of the votes in the last election for either Governor or President (2014: 823,761; 3% = 24,713).
- The Notice of Intent to form a political party cannot be filed between March 1 and November 15 of an even-numbered year, and petitions cannot be circulated between June 1 and November 15 of an even-numbered year.
- Petitions must be turned in by March 1 of an even-numbered year, and within 1 year after Notice of Intent is filed (§ 26-1-108) (see above "HB 165").
- Retention: candidate for Governor or President must get 10% (§ 26-1-109.A). *Now candidate for Governor or President needs 2.5% to retain party status (see above BAN article).*
- Presidential paperwork due 90 days prior to the general election (2016: August 10) (§ 26-10-101).
- Can run an Independent candidate for President by gathering signatures equal to 3% of the vote in the last presidential election (3% = 40,047).
- Petitions must be turned in by July 15 of the election year. Independent Presidential paperwork due September 1 (§ 26-10-101.1).

Pre-election Status: Recognized, by petition completed in 2016.

Johnson result: 5.7% with 83,481 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Retain. Candidate for Governor must get 2.5% to retain for 2020.

**Number of total signatures + Validity rate: 42,183 @ 72.3% validity (per election board)**

Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate: 40,593

Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate: 0

Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate: 0

Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate: 1,590

**Original LNC Budget: \$ 60,000.00**

**Total Expenditure: \$ 101,365.00**

LNC Expenditure: \$ 101,365.00

JW16 Expenditure: \$ 0.00

State Expenditure: \$ 0.00

**What went right:** The drive was completed. Some validation was completed, and the state used a more lax standard than what was used for validation.

**What went wrong:** The drive went way over budget. Locations were tough to come by for the out-of-state petitioners. Two professional petitioners left the state in frustration.

**How to do better:** Developing the local LP will help the professionals find good petitioning locations over time. Hopefully we don't have to petition in OK ever again.

### Ballot Access 2018+

2018 candidate for governor must reach 2.5% to retain access for 2020.

# Oregon

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Oregon.

Elections: <http://oregonvotes.org/>

Minor Parties: [Minor Political Party Formation and Candidate Nominating Manual](#)

Election Law: [http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/doc/publications/elec\\_law.pdf](http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections/doc/publications/elec_law.pdf) (title 23)

### Ballot access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 1.5% of the votes cast in the most recent election for Governor (2014: 1,469,717 => 22,046).
- Petitions must be filed within 2 years of the date of the filing of the prospective petition (ORS 248.008.(1)(a)).
- Retention: must either have at least 0.5% of the registered voters at any time between the date of the primary election (2016: May 17) and 90 days prior to the general election (2016: August 10) ORS 248.008.4(b)), or...
- a candidate for state office must get 1% of the vote for a statewide candidate (including President) in their district, and the party must have 0.1% of the registered voters between the following primary election and 9 days prior to the general election (ORS 248.008.4(a)).
- No less than 10 days prior to a nominating convention, notice must be published at least once in at least 3 newspapers of general circulation within the state. The notice shall contain the time, place and offices for which nominations are to be made (ORS 248.009(3)).
- Presidential paperwork due 70 days prior to the election (ORS 248.355(2)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. 2014 Statewide cand over 1%, and voter reg is 17,242 (0.8%) as of 12/15.

Johnson result: 4.7% with 93,875 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election status: Retained. Johnson over 1% and voter reg is 19,065 (0.74%) as of 10/16.

### Ballot Access 2018+

To retain for 2018, we must have 0.1% of the registered voters any time between 5/15/18 and 9/8/18. To retain for 2020, a candidate for statewide office in 2018 must obtain 1% and party maintain 0.1% of registered voters, or the party must maintain 0.6% of registered voters. Currently, the party has 0.74% of registered voters.

# Pennsylvania

## Summary

The Pennsylvania drive began early April and ended mid-July. The drive was cut short when the courts and state legislature reduced the required number of signatures, which we had already met by the time the decision was final.

Elections: [http://www.dos.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/voting\\_and\\_\\_elections/12363](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/voting_and__elections/12363)  
Access and running: **General Information About Running for Public Office**  
Election Law: <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/LI/US/PDF/1937/0/0320..PDF>

### Ballot Access:

- A political party is any party or political body, one of whose candidates at the general election preceding the primary polled at least 2% of the largest entire vote cast for any elected candidate in each of at least ten counties, and polled a total statewide vote of at least 2% of the largest entire vote cast in the State for any elected candidate (PA 801(a)).
- A minor political party is one where voter registration is less than 15% of the registered voters in the state as of the close of registration prior to the preceding November election (PA 912.2(a)).
- If party is a minor party or is not recognized ("political body"), to run for office, candidates must obtain signatures from registered voters of the district for the office in which they are running in an amount equal to at least 2% of the largest entire vote cast for an elected candidate at the last election within the district (2015: 1,088,716; 2% = 21,775) (PA 951(b)). Court ruling knocked signature requirement down to 5,000 near end of drive.
- Can collect signatures for candidates for multiple offices simultaneously (PA 951c). Substitution allowed (PA 980).
- Nomination papers must be circulated between the 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday prior to the primary election (2016: February 17), and August 1 (PA 953(b)).
- Presidential electors must be nominated 30 days after the national nominating convention (PA 918).

Pre-election Status: Recognized minor party.

Johnson result: 2.40% with 146,709 votes. (source: New York Times)

Post-election Status: Retained. Johnson over 2% in over 10 counties.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>26,342 @ 70%</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	Approx 17,102
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	2,198
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	Approx 7,042

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 62,000.00

**Total Expenditure:** \$ 50,248.95

LNC Expenditure: \$ 42,318.29 \* Payment for Trent Pool sigs not settled and not reflected here

JW16 Expenditure: \$ 500.00 (est)

State Expenditure: \$ 7,430.66

**What went right:** Richard Schwarz was critical to drive's success. Lawsuit dramatically reduced the sig requirement mid-drive. Roy Minet did what he could to get out volunteers, and supply petitioning instructions. Primary Day was very productive for gathering sigs. The weather held up most of the day in most locations. U.S. House campaigns helped bring sigs for their campaigns and Johnson's.

**What went wrong:** Started too late – a blessing in disguise given the court ruling, but hurt down-ticket candidates. PA legislature, and possibly the judge, seemed to deliberately drag their feet. LP was only party with many more sigs than the new 5,000 requirement. LNC spent about \$30,000 more than would have been necessary if signature requirement was 5,000 (rather than 21,175) from the start, and more legislative LP candidates may have made the ballot. Signature validity didn't get fully functional until May; validity was uncertain throughout most of the drive. Competition was fierce - LP had to raise the price twice. One petitioner turned in what appeared to be fraudulent signatures, but LNC didn't pay him. Another petitioner has threatened a lawsuit.

**How to do better:** LPPA should have held their convention and started petitioning sooner. If the sig requirement remains at 5,000, it should be a relatively straightforward drive in the future that can potentially be done, or mostly done, with volunteers. Lower sig requirements should also make it easier to coordinate with down-ticket candidates. While a serious attempt was made to get more people out petitioning on Primary Day, it would be useful to get both volunteers and as many paid petitioners out to take advantage of this most lucrative opportunity, although a well-organized effort could be thwarted by bad weather.

### Ballot Access for 2018

The new requirement for President in Pennsylvania is 5,000 valid signatures, but other races are currently unchanged. No party petition mechanism. Party status requires 15% voter registration, which would cost \$1.3M. May want to seek legal action to have this reduced.

# Rhode Island

## Summary

Rhode Island was a drive run by the Johnson campaign.

Elections: <http://www.elections.ri.gov/>  
Running For Office (2014): <http://sos.ri.gov/documents/elections/RunForOffice2014.pdf>  
Election Law: <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE17/INDEX.HTM> (title 17)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidate for Governor or President must get 5%, or must collect signatures equal to 5% of the votes cast for either Governor or President in the most recent general election (2014: 322,324; 5% = 16,116).
- If party wishes to nominate candidates by primary, signatures must be filed by June 1; to nominate by convention, due by August 1 (§ 17-1-2(9)).
- All candidates must collect signatures for office (Independent President, Governor and US Senate 1,000; US House 500) (§ 17-14-7).
- Signatures are due at 4 pm 60 days prior to primary election (2016: July 15), except for Independent Presidential candidates (see below) (§ 17-14-11).
- Can run an Independent Presidential candidate; must have up to 4 electors file by the last Mo/Tu/We in June (2016: June 27-29), and must collect 1,000 signatures 60 days prior to the general election (2016: September 9).
- Independent candidates can get a party label on the ballot (§ 17-19-9.1).
- Independent Presidential elector nomination papers issued within 4 days of the close for filing Declarations of Candidacy (2016: July 4) (§ 17-14-4).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 3.18% with 14,746 votes.

Post-election Status: Unrecognized.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>2,150</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	Not separated
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	Not separated
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	0

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 2,500.00

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.00</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 2,000.00
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 7,500.00
State Expenditure:	\$ 0.00

**What went right:** The job was done.

**What went wrong:** The job started a little late, and drug on too long. Expenses were being fully covered which does decrease the incentive for some petitioners. There was tension between LNC and State Party leadership.

**How to do better:** Start earlier. State party cooperation would be nice.

## Ballot Access for 2018

Full access petition for 2018 requires 23,208 valid sigs That should cost between \$70,000 and \$140,000, with a likely cost of \$120,000 to complete. Can't start until 2018. Candidate for Governor would need to receive 5% to retain access through 2020.

# South Carolina

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in South Carolina.

Elections: <http://www.scvotes.org/>

Candidate Info: [http://www.scvotes.org/candidate\\_information](http://www.scvotes.org/candidate_information)

Election Law: <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/title7.php> (title 7)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect 10,000 signatures 6 months before the election in which the party wishes to participate.
- Retention: must run a candidate in 1 of 2 consecutive general elections (§ 7-9-10).
- The party must also have at least one county organization hold an annual convention, by March 31 in the year of a general election. (§ 7-9-70,80).
- The state organization must also conduct an annual convention, to be held by May 15 in the year of a general election, and at least 2 weeks after the county convention. (§ 7-9-90,100).
- Presidential paperwork due at noon on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in September of the election year (§ 7-13-350(B)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Ran candidates in 2014 general election.

Johnson result: 49,204 (2.34%)

Post-election Status: Retained, assuming all paperwork is complied with.

### Ballot Access 2018+

Has retention through 2020.

# South Dakota

## Summary

The South Dakota drive started on 9/11/2015 and was delayed, and then completed.

Elections: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/default.aspx>

Election Laws: <http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/DisplayStatute.aspx?Statute=12&Type=Statute> (title 12)

BAN: <http://ballot-access.org/2016/02/29/south-dakota-now-says-parties-that-want-to-be-on-for-president-need-6936-signatures-due-july-11/>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 2.5% of the total votes cast for governor in the last gubernatorial election (2014: 277,403; 2.5% = 6,936).
- Signatures cannot be more than one year old as of the date of submitting the petitions.
- If party petition completed in a Presidential election year, party is on the ballot for 2 general election cycles.
- Signatures must be turned in by the last Tuesday in March of the year of the election (2016: March 29) (§ 12.5.1). *Now due July 11; see above BAN post.*
- Retention: candidate for Governor must get 2.5% (§ 12.1.3(10)).
- Can run an Ind Presidential candidate by collecting signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast for Gov (2,772), due by the first Tuesday in August (2016: August 2), and cannot start circulating until January 1 of election year.
- No substitution (§ 12.7.7).
- Circulator for Independent Presidential candidate must be in-state registered voter (§ 12.1.3(9), § 12.6.8). Note added by Wes: Circulators for a party petition do not have to be SD residents.

Pre-election Status: Recognized.

Johnson result: 5.63% with 20,845 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized. No change. Access based on Governor's race.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>7,680 @ 92%</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	7,180 @ 92%
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	500 @ 92%

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 20,000.00

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 14,738.10</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 14,738.10
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 0.00
State Expenditure:	\$ 0.00

**What went right:** Total cost was under budget. SD allows you to turn in signatures as collected, so you get validity feedback as the drive progresses. This drive achieved 92% validity. 90% or higher is common in SD because voter address does not have to match to sign. You can't pay per signature in SD, but you can pay per hour and require a certain level of performance, which almost has the same effect (see 2015-2016 contracts for details on how to write the terms).

**What went wrong:** First contract was a sole-source contract with a \$5,000 advance given to one petitioner who did not deliver as promised. Eventually, enough signatures were received from that petitioner so that the \$5,000 advance was approximately covered. Fortunately, the contract required completion early enough such that failure allowed enough time to hire additional petitioners. The drive was originally going to be managed by the state chair, but he was not able to devote the time needed. As a result, the drive was managed by LPHQ staff. Petitioners mailed signatures to LPHQ where they were counted before payment was sent.

**How to do better:** Having an in-state coordinator would help. Avoid sole-source contracts, or write them in a way that any mode of failure won't hurt the petition drive financially or cause it to fail to complete on time.

### Ballot access 2018+

To retain through 2020, the 2018 gubernatorial candidate must receive 2.5%.



# Tennessee

## Summary

Tennessee ran their petition drive as a volunteer effort to place Johnson on the ballot as an Independent.

Elections: <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/election/>

Election Law: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/tncode/> (title 2)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 2.5% of the votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election (2014: 1,343,936; 2.5% = 33,599) (§ 2-1-104(24)).
- If party wishes to participate in primary election, must submit petitions on the third Thursday 3 months prior to the primary at noon (2016: April 21). To participate only in the general election, petitions must be submitted on the third Thursday 3 months prior to the general election at noon (2016: July 21) (§ 2-13-107(c)).
- Retention; statewide candidate within last 4 years must get 5% of the votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election (§ 2-1-104(31)(a)).
- Can run as Independent candidates, by collecting 25 signatures per electoral district. 275 signatures minimum for Presidential candidate, with 25 signatures from each electoral district (§ 2-5-101(b)(1)).
- Non-Presidential signatures due at noon on the first Thursday in April (2016: April 7) (§ 2-5-101(a)(1)).
- Cannot start collecting signatures until 90 days prior to the filing deadline (non-Pres: January 8, 2016; Presidential: May 20, 2016) (§ 2-5-102(b)(5)).
- Presidential sigs and paperwork due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 3 months prior to the election, noon (2016: August 18) (§ 2-5-101(a)).
- State and fed primaries are held the first Thursday in August of an even-numbered year (2016: August 4) (§ 2-1-104(26)).
- No substitution (§ 2-5-102(b)(1)).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 2.82% with 70,286 votes.

Post-election Status: Unknown.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>523</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	Not separated
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	Not separated

**Original LNC Budget:** \$ 0.00

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 0.00
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 100.00 (est)
State Expenditure:	\$ 300.00 (est)

**What went right:** This was a successful volunteer effort.

**What went wrong:** Unaware of specific issues in 2016. In the past, there has been a problem with having enough petition forms. Tennessee requires all forms have wet signatures from the candidates and original notarization of those wet signatures.

**How to do better:** Bring lots of forms -- more than ever needed -- to the national convention for the candidates to sign, and have a notary on-site at the convention to notarize all of the forms, to avoid the emergency FedEx of more forms.

### Ballot Access for 2018

Party petition in Tennessee requires 33,599 signatures, meaning the cost would be between \$100,797 and \$151,195, with a realistic estimate of \$115,000.

# Texas

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Texas.

Elections: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml>

Election Law: <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/?link=EL>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 1% of the number of votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election (2014: 4,718,268; 1% = 47,183), and are due 75 days after the date of the precinct convention (§ 181.005(a),6).
- Party petition signers cannot have voted in a primary election or participated in another party's convention during the year of the election (§ 181.006(g)).
- Signatures cannot be collected until after the date of the party's precinct conventions (§ 181.006(j)). Precinct conventions are held on the second Tuesday in March (§ 181.061(c)).
- Retention: statewide candidate must get 5% in each general election (§ 181.005(b)). If gubernatorial candidate gets 2%, party retains ballot access through the next gubernatorial election (§ 172.002(a)).
- Can run an Independent candidate for President by collecting signatures equal to 1% of those who voted for President in the most recent election. Petition signers cannot have voted in a primary election in that year. Cannot start collecting signatures until after the Presidential primary election, which is held the first Tuesday in March (§ 41.007), and are due the second Monday in May of the year of the election (§ 192.032).
- Presidential paperwork due 70 days prior to the general election (2016: August 31) (§ 192.031(3)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Several 2014 statewide candidates received 5%.

Johnson result: 3.16% with 283,492 votes.

Post-election Status: Retained thanks to Railroad Commission race results.

### Ballot Access 2018+

To retain for 2020, the candidate for governor must obtain 2%, or candidate for any other statewide office must obtain 5%.

# Utah

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Utah.

Elections: <http://elections.utah.gov/>

Election Law: <http://le.utah.gov/UtahCode/chapter.jsp?code=20A> (title 20A)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect 2,000 signatures.
- Cannot start collecting until after the canvass of the prior general election (roughly the end of November), and are due February 15 of the year of the general election (§ 20A-8-103).
- Retention: candidate must get 2% of all of the votes cast for the US House races within the last 2 general elections (2014: 565,970; 2% = 11,319) (§ 20A-8-101(1)).
- Can run an Independent statewide candidate by collecting 1,000 signatures from registered voters for statewide office, or signatures equal to 5% of the registered voters in the district in which the candidate is running for office or 300, whichever is less (§ 20A-9-502(2)).
- Signatures for Independent non-Presidential candidates are due between the second Thursday and the third Friday in March (§ 20A-9-202(1)).
- Signatures for Independent Presidential candidates are due August 15 of the year of the election (§ 20A-9-503(3)).
- Presidential paperwork due August 31 of the year of the election (§ 20A-9-202(4)(a)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. 2014 cand for Attny General received over 2% of the cumulative vote of US House races.

Johnson result: 3.50% with 39,608 votes.

Post-election Status: Retained.

### Ballot Access 2018+

Utah has retained access through 2020.

# Vermont

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Vermont.

Elections: <http://vermont-elections.org/sos/home.htm>  
Political Party Organizing: <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/68115/Guide-to-Party-Org-Statutory-Duties.doc>  
Election Law: <http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/title/17>

### Ballot Access:

- Major party is one where a candidate for state office received at least 5% of the vote in the most recent general election (§ 17 VSA 2103 (23)).
- Minor parties can run candidates, nominated by convention, by organizing in at least 10 towns between September 10 and September 30 in odd-numbered years (§ 17 VSA 2381(b)).
- If party not recognized, candidate can get on the ballot by collecting signatures (President 1,000; Congress 500) (§ 17 VSA 2402).
- Independent Presidential signatures due August 1. Other Independent candidate signatures due the Thursday prior to the primary, which is held on the second Tuesday in August (§ 17 VSA 2402(d)(1)).
- Petitions and Presidential candidate consent forms are due the fourth Thursday following the first Monday in May (2016: May 26) (§ 17 VSA 2356, 2401, 2402).
- No substitution (§ 17 VSA 2402(a)(2)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized minor party.

Johnson result: 3.14% with 10,078 votes.

Post-election Status: No change.

### Ballot Access 2018+

We are a recognized Minor Party. No action required.

# Virginia

## Summary

Virginia ran a successful all-volunteer drive.

Elections: <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/>

Election Law: <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+TOC2402000> (title 24.2)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, statewide candidate must get 10% in either of the last 2 statewide general elections in which a statewide office was on the ballot.
- Party must have a state central committee and chair for 6 months prior to the filing of any nominee for office (§ 24.2-101).
- If the party is not recognized, can run candidates by collecting signatures: statewide 10,000, with 400 from each congressional district; US House 1,000.
- Can start collecting on Jan 1st of year of election for Presidential candidates, Jan 2nd for all other candidates (§ 24.2-506).
- Signatures are due the second Tuesday in June (2016: June 14) (§ 24.2-507).
- If party is not recognized, candidates can have an "L" by their name on the ballot by having the state recognize the party's existence 6 months preceding the filing for office (§ 24.2-613).
- Can run a candidate for President by collecting 5,000 signatures, with 200 from each congressional district, due by noon 74 days prior to the general election. Can get full party label on ballot, as long as party has a state central committee, bylaws, and officers within 6 months of the petition filing (§ 24.2-543).
- Presidential paperwork and signatures are due by noon 74 days before the general election (2016: August 26) (§ 24.2-542).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 2.97% with 118,274 votes.

Post-election Status: Unrecognized. Johnson did not reach 10%.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>9,692</b>	<b>Validity in the low seventies</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0	
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0	
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	4,600	
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	5,092	

<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$ 12,013.35</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$ 0.00
JW16 Expenditure:	\$ 0.00
State Expenditure:	\$ 12,013.35

**What went right:** Decent volunteer petitioning effort. Both paid petitioners (Bob Lynch & Sanford Pankin) are Virginia residents.

**What went wrong:** Took too long. Drive went deep into August (8/26 deadline)

**How to do better:** Try to stimulate better volunteer efforts going forward.

### Ballot Access for 2018+

To gain access for 2018 and 2020, a statewide candidate must obtain 10% in 2017. The candidates must petition separately, each with 10,000 signatures and a distribution requirement of at least 400 per Congressional District. Virginia has never had ballot access, because there is no party petition in Virginia, and the LPVA has never earned 10% of the vote in a statewide election. In 2017, there will be elections for Governor, Lt. Governor (which is not a ticket) and Attorney General. There is no party petition mechanism. Each office would require a separate petition, with 10,000 valid sigs needed for each petition. All 100 seats in the Virginia House of Delegates will be up in 2017. In 2018, there will be a US Senate election and US House elections.

# Washington

## Summary

The Washington petition drive was a volunteer effort.

Elections: <http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/Default.aspx>  
Candidate/Top-two FAQs: <http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/faqcandidates.aspx>  
Election Law: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?Cite=29A> (title 29A)

### Ballot Access:

- Candidate must pay as a filing fee 1% of the annual salary of the office, or the same amount in petition signatures of registered voters from the district of the office in which candidate is running (§ 29A.24.091).
- Filing period begins on the Monday two weeks prior to Memorial Day, and end on the following Friday (2016: May 7 to July 23) (29A.24.050).
- Candidates must participate in a top-two primary election (RCW 29A.52.112), which is held the first Tuesday in August (2016: August 2).
- Recognized party is one where Presidential candidate at the most recent Presidential election gets 5% (RCW 29A.04.086). Can nominate candidate for President without collecting signatures.
- If not a recognized party, can run a Presidential candidate by convening a state convention. Conventions must be held either between the first Saturday in May and the fourth Saturday in July (RCW 29A.56.610).
- Notice of the convention must be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the convention is being held (RCW 29A.56.620). Can hold multiple conventions.
- Convention must have at least 100 registered voters in attendance. Must submit at least 1,000 signatures (29A.56.610).
- Presidential signatures and paperwork are due 10 days after the close of the nominating convention. No substitution (§ 29A.56.660). Must also be filed by the first Friday in August (2016: August 5) (29A.56.640).

Pre-election Status: Unrecognized.

Johnson result: 5.01% with 160,879 votes. \*\*\* Sec of State is lowering percentage by assessing all write-ins against us.

Post-election Status: Uncertain.

<b>Number of total signatures + Validity rate:</b>	<b>1,782</b>
Number of LNC-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of JW16-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of State-paid signatures + Validity rate:	0
Number of volunteer signatures + Validity rate:	1,782

<b>Original LNC Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>500.00</b>
LNC Expenditure:	\$	0.00
JW16 Expenditure:	\$	0.00
State Expenditure:	\$	500.00

**What went right:**

**What went wrong:**

**How to do better:**

### Ballot Access for 2018

There is no mechanism to put the party on the ballot. Washington is one of two states where the only measurement is the result of the presidential race with no alternative. There is nothing sort of legal relief that can be done for 2018 or 2020 at this time.

# West Virginia

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in West Virginia.

Elections: <http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>

Election Law: <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/WVCODE/Code.cfm?chap=03&art=1> (chapter 3)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party and for retention, candidate for Governor must get 1% (§ 3-1-8).
- To get on the ballot, must collect signatures equal to 1% of the votes cast for that specific race in the last general election (§ 3-5-23(c)).
- Can collect signatures for multiple candidates simultaneously (§ 3-5-23(a)).
- Presidential paperwork and Signatures must be turned in by August 1 of the year of the election (§ 3-5-24(a)).
- Circulators can be from out-of-state, but must apply for credentials in each county they wish to work (§ 3-5-23b). Can be attained by mail.

Pre-election Status: Recognized.

Johnson result: 3.23% with 23,004 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized

### Ballot Access 2018+

We do not have to do anything to retain through 2020.

# Wisconsin

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Wisconsin.

Elections: <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting>

Election Law: <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/prefaces/toc>

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect 10,000 signatures. Must include at least 1,000 signatures each from a minimum of 3 congressional districts.
- Petitions must be turned in by April 1 of the year in which the party wishes to participate in the primary, and cannot start circulating until January 1 of the same year (§ 5.62(2)(a)).
- Retention: statewide candidate in a gubernatorial election must get 1%. If election is in a Presidential year, Presidential candidate must get 1% (§ 5.62(1)(b)(1)).
- All candidates must collect signatures (statewide 2,000; US House 1,000). Can start petitioning April 15 of the election year, and are due June 1 (§ 8.15).
- Non-recognized party candidates on the ballot as "Independent" (§ 8.20(9)).
- Can run an Independent Presidential candidate by collecting between 2,000 and 4,000 signatures (§ 8.20(4)).
- Petitions can only be circulated for an Independent Presidential candidate between July 1 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August (2016: August 2) (§ 8.20(8)(am)).
- No substitution (§ 8.20(2)).
- Presidential paperwork due the first Tuesday in September (2016: September 6) (§ 8.16(7)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized. Several 2014 statewide candidates received 1%.

Johnson result: 3.58% with 106,585 votes.

Post-election Status: Recognized

### Ballot Access 2018+

We're on the ballot in 2018. To retain through 2020, a statewide candidate in 2018 must get over 1%.



# Wyoming

## Summary

There was not a petition drive in Wyoming.

Elections: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Elections.aspx>  
Political Party Information: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/PoliticalPartyInfo.aspx>  
Election Law: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/ElectionStatute.aspx> (title 22)

### Ballot Access:

- To become a recognized party, must collect signatures equal to 2% of the votes cast in the most recent general election for the US House Representative (§ 22-4-402(d)).
- Petitions must be turned in by June 1 of the year of the election the party wishes to participate (§ 22-4-402(a)).
- Cannot start circulating before April 1 of the year prior to the general election (§ 22-4-402(e)).
- Retention: candidate for the US House, Governor, or Secretary of State must get 2% (§ 22-1-102(xviii)).
- Can get on the ballot as an Independent candidate for statewide office by collecting signatures equal to 2% of the votes for US House in the previous general election. For non-statewide office, 2% of the votes cast in the previous general election for office in which running for (§ 22-5-304).
- Independent candidate petitions due 70 days prior to general election (§ 22-5-307).
- Presidential paperwork due 30 days after the state convention (§ 22-19-102(a)).

Pre-election Status: Recognized major party. 2014 SOS candidate received 10%

Johnson result: 5.19% with 13,287 votes.

Struempf result: (US House) result 3.59% with 9,033 votes.

Post-election Status: Retained.

### Ballot Access 2018+

We're on the ballot in 2018. In order to retain through 2020, we must have our candidate for Governor, Secretary of State, or US House get over 2%.

# MEETING MINUTES

## **June 7, 2016**

Meeting held between Marsh, Moellman, and Redpath to determine recommendation for additional members of the committee.

Axinn and Redpath agreed upon and recommended to LNC Chairman Sarkwark.

## **June 18, 2016**

Dear All,

The remaining two positions on the Ballot Access Committee will be filled with Richard Winger and Mark Axinn.

They join Ed Marsh, Ken Moellman, and Bill Redpath. Mr. Moellman is Chair of the Ballot Access Committee.

There were many other good candidates for the non-LNC positions on the committee, including Paul Frankel, and I trust that Mr. Moellman and the other members of the committee will reach out to those people as they do their work going forward.

Yours in liberty,  
Nick

## **June 30, 2016**

The scheduled meeting of the Ballot Access Committee was held on 6/30 at 9PM Eastern Time.

Called to order - 9:05PM

Present: Axinn, Marsh, Moellman, Redpath. Not present: Winger

Guests: Frankel, Thrasher

\* Approval of previous meeting minutes

approved without objection

\* Old Business

Illinois wrap-up

Completed drive - went over - challenge discussion

\* New Business

Appoint/elect a secretary and a treasurer for the committee.

Discussion determined no need for treasurer. No volunteers for secretary. Tabled indefinitely. Frankel takes notes volunteer basis for the meeting.

Discuss appointing non-voting committee advisors

Johnson campaign - Thrasher - Appointed without objection

Petitioner - Frankel - Appointed without objection

Attorney - None at this time (invite appropriate attorney when relevant)

Status update, focused on Maine, Washington State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

ME: concerns whether registration will finish in time. 303 registrations short with Jul 12 deadline. 11 days left, 25 a day coming in. Redpath: additional people on the way to ME. Thrasher is one of them. Redpath recommends Thrasher assess how many are there. Report by Saturday if possible. Thrasher says no problem.

WA: July 23 deadline. 559 raw sig in hand for 1,000 valid requirement. M Carling has been handling it but will move to Vegas in the next few days. Possibly get Michael Pickens, Larry Nicholas, current chair Dave Trainor (sp?) to manage? Carling remotely? Separate conference call with the WA people.

NJ: 500 raw collected towards 800 valid needed by Aug 1. Redpath says they are in better shape than in past cycles. Can be accomplished on volunteer basis.

PA: Won lawsuit. Shutting down.

MA: 8/2 deadline. Redpath says it is doing well but does not have the numbers handy. Ken said over 5k paid and over 900 volunteer in hand.

NY: Deadline is Aug 2 for federal office, not Aug 23 as reported in BAN, which is deadline for state office only. 25k encumbered from LNC. One week in and about 2k raw collected. Darryl just got there from IL. A few local part timer/semi-pros and a good local volunteer base. Donations include mix of LPNY and LNC funds. A lot always comes in at the end, such as Redlich 2010 8k came in at the last week. NY is one of few states left where out of state petitioners are not allowed. Lawsuit on this has been filed in federal district court in New York. July 11 hearing. Preliminary injunction sought and quick ruling is expected.

Updated state counts, if available.

CT 8/10 Wes Benedict, Josh Katz, Arsenault as contractor. 7500 valid needed. 2300 previously in hand. Arsenault turned in some additional, less than 2,000. Compensation dispute?

DC: Wes Benedict? Samford Pankin, Pankin's daughter, Bob Lynch? Bruce Majors contacts? May need ramping up. Petitions picked up this past Monday, could have been picked up 10 days earlier. Labeaume is chair.

NH: Arsenault has not done anything there yet, nor has LPNH. Thrasher and others from Maine may go to NH after ME. Brian Chabot. Aug 10, 1500 valid in each of the two congressional districts. Redpath is managing remotely.

OH: Ken Moellman managing. Validity problems with the contractor. 50% overall overage. 5,000 valid needed by Aug 10 with a county distribution requirement. 300 volunteer in hand. Hoping for 1,000 volunteer. Paying 2.75. 2,080 gross in hand including both paid and volunteer. Only about 1/5 done. Contractor is claiming 3,500 collected but many not turned in yet.

AL: 700 volunteer and 700 paid known collected. Some more likely in Lachine PO Box. Petitioners on the way but may be sent to OH instead. I will try to ramp up.

TN: 275 valid needed, 231 raw in hand

IA: Need 1500 valid, 800 raw in hand

MN: 8/23 deadline, 2,000 valid needed, say they are on track to do it themselves. Andy Burns and/or state chair running it.

VA: 8/26, volunteers not doing as well as in the past, Redpath says they are on track though. Some confidential good news.

KY: 100 volunteer signatures in hand, 89 volunteers signed up promising to do 30 plus signatures each. 9/9 deadline. 5k valid needed.

RI: 1,000 valid needed by 9/9, only started yesterday. Trying to get it done volunteer. Katz and Redpath supervising.

Status update on New York lawsuit.

Covered above

Other legal (without objection)

AL county petition. Ken will help with attorney. National will take no action.

KY pressuring judge to rule, expect to lose this round.

Establish standard weekly meetings through the week of 9/12 or until ballot access is obtained in all states.

Next meeting on Thursday July 7th at 9 pm eastern. Focus on immediate states and any having problems.

No other business

Adjourned 10:50PM Eastern

## **July 7, 2016**

All voting members present along with Frankel and Thrasher

Minutes of previous meeting approved without objection

ME: 4 days left, looks like we are on track to succeed

SOS will give progress report tomorrow

WA: Carling says 1156 in hand, shooting for 2000 on 1000 valid requirement, deadline 7/23

NJ: Falling short with all-volunteer drive; many members of state committee not willing to collect themselves or pay. NJ based pro made 2.00 offer. Deadline 8/1. Potential validity problem if bulk of signatures are gathered in Camden. Funding from LPNJ passed on close vote of the state committee.

MA: Deadline 8/1; Arsenault 13,358 in hand, 14k in the contract, 75% valid, drive is basically done.

NY: Started too slow according to Axinn. 15 k valid needed by Aug 2. 5-6k collected so far. Hiring new people and rounding up other signatures that have been collected but not turned in yet, expects to be at 10k or so in a week. Trying to do 10k volunteer and 30k overall. Johnson campaign kicking in 5k.

OH: Validity issues with contractor. Hiring one or two additional. Deadline 8/10. Redpath more worried about it than Moellman. 5k valid requirement.

CT: Due 8/10. Behind schedule. Needs 7500 valid. Had 359 paid and 1940 volunteer sigs as of a week ago. Arsenault is the contractor, finishing up MA so he may be able to get more people into CT now? Redpath will follow up with Katz and Arsenault.

NH: No signatures gathered yet as far as anyone on the call knows. Thrasher likely headed there after final deliveries to towns in Maine on Monday and Freedom Fest. Due 8/10. 1500 valid from each of two congressional districts. Town delivery as in other New England states.

DC due 8/10, needs 4600 valid. Trying to get Bob Lynch there. Samford Pankin coming in and out and did 500.

AL due 8/18: Needs 5k valid. 850 here or with Ross, 700 reported by Leigh about two weeks ago, 300 claimed by Kay's son Bobby. 25 to 50 more claimed by Justin Myers. I trained Justin yesterday (PF), he will be working more when he gets his car fixed, as well as I will be working more when I can get rides from him as well as TE. Kay will have doctors appointment tomorrow and hopes to travel next week, but doesn't know til she talks to the doctors. Forgot to mention: Tony in Mobile, experienced petitioner working part time, hasn't reported any numbers yet. Sent Johnson petition to Green petitioners in Montgomery and Huntsville; not sure if they will carry it or not. Arkansas couple I negotiated with got a \$5 offer on casino petition there so will probably not be here. Kay believes Bobby will do better when she is here.

## **July 14, 2016**

Everyone is now on that was planning to be. Richard Winger had a schedule conflict.

Last meetings notes approved without objection.

Lawsuit update - NY from Gary Donoyan and Mark Axinn

### *U.S. District Court Judge Won't Enjoin New York Ban on Out-of-State Circulators*

*Posted on July 14, 2016 by Richard Winger*

*On July 14, U.S. District Court Judge Sterling Johnson, Jr., refused to enjoin the New York state law prohibiting out-of-state circulators. Merced v Spano, e.d., 16cv-3054. His reason is that the lawsuit wasn't filed until one week before the start of the petitioning window. The decision says that the Libertarian Party has been petitioning in New York state starting in 1974. However, the order also says the Plaintiffs have demonstrated a likelihood of success, at least in overturning the law that says circulators must be registered voters in New York, as opposed to just residents of the state.*

KY - Moellman (Wiest unable to make the call)

### *Sixth Circuit Expedites Kentucky Ballot Access Case*

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*On July 14, the Sixth Circuit expedited the Kentucky ballot access case, Libertarian Party of Kentucky v Grimes, 16-6107. The issue is the Kentucky law that does not permit a group to become a qualified party until after it has polled 2% for President. Kentucky and Washington are the only states in which it is impossible for a group to become a qualified party except by a showing in the presidential election. Those states would make it impossible for any party to be ballot-qualified if they weren't interested in the presidential election. There are many one-state parties in the U.S. who do not participate in the presidential election.*

*The briefs are to be filed by July 28. The plaintiffs are the Libertarian and Constitution Parties. The purpose of expediting this case is to make it possible for any decision to be in time for this year's election. The U.S. District Court had upheld the law on July 8.*

#### Ballot access updates

NY: Aug 2 deadline. Needs 15k valid. 9,000 in hand in various places. Late start was due to period shifting. Email blast from LPHQ and social media to Johnson supporters has brought in a lot of new/novice petitioners. Darryl bringing in new petitioner(s) also. Axinn expects about 20k, maybe more. Johnson check running late. Thrasher says it is on the way. Thrasher says Johnson, Weld signed forms also. Axinn believes it is likely a lot will come in at the end. Redpath concerned that 20k may not survive a challenge, believes we need 25k raw. Axinn: specific objections, over and above general objections, have never been done on a statewide petition, but have been done on local petitions. Redpath trying to get Derrick Lee into NY. Higher numbers will make a challenge less likely. Clinton and Trump being from NY may increase chance of challenges. Another LPHQ email blast and help from McAfee and Petersen?

CT Aug 10 deadline. Needs 7500 valid. Has about 6k gross, Arsenault crew and Thrasher are on the ground. Ken, Bill trying to get a hold of Katz.

DC Aug 10 deadline, 4500 valid needed, 1100 and change raw collected. Andy Jacobs negotiating, wants hotel. Sanford Pankin coming up some days and going home to VA back and forth. Redpath working there weekends as a volunteer, except this weekend (LNC meeting) and unless needs to go to NY instead, reports it is very tough. 2 more candidates added to the board to help bring in petitioners. Lynch and Jacobs may be available if Johnson campaign can pay motels.

OH, Aug 10 deadline, needs 5k valid, 464 volunteer and 4527 paid collected but with validity rates that is probably only about half way, Kaye Matthews may be coming in. Trying to keep Trent's crew working longer.

NH, 3k valid needed by Aug 10. Arsenault crew just starting up there, Lou Jasikoff headed there tomorrow, Nick Dunbar is on the ground. Thrasher likely headed there after CT situation handled. Decision has been made to go with the party nominees as opposed to a competing slate.

AL: 900 volunteer and 1500 paid in hand. New petitioners coming in from out of state and being hired locally, pace is picking up.

Back to NY: Suggestion to get signatures from lawyers and employees at Mintz Levin (Weld's firm).

WA: 1,000 valid due by 7/23; 1,600 raw as of 7/12. No problems expected.

NJ: 800 valid needed by 8/1. 400 volunteer and 800 paid as of 7/12.

IA: 1500 valid needed by 8/19, 1291 raw as of 7/6, haven't heard back from them since; may be able to finish all volunteer.

MN: 2k valid needed by 8/23; 1,800 raw reported by Andy Burns as of 7/12.

VA: 5k valid needed by 8/26, about 5k raw in hand. Need elector forms, certain congressional districts, trying to get VA forms to people circulating in DC, and need feedback on validity from early turn-ins. 6th and 9th districts are of possible concern.

KY: 5k valid needed by 9/9. Gailey working part time. Plan to bring in Lynch after DC. About 700 volunteer in hand, shooting for 2k which would be twice past record.

RI: 9/9 deadline. Trying to do all volunteer. Little if anything yet.

TN: Successfully completed.

PA: Pay issues unresolved for end of petition drive,

CT: Update from Katz in separate email - fewer signatures than previously believed, about 4,400 in hand. 1,000 lower than we thought. Checked and I do not have this email. Followup with Arsenault needed. Tobin could help there, working on Greens.

Next meeting: same time. No objection.

## July 21, 2016

On the call: Ken Moellman, Carla Howell, Wes Benedict, Ed Marsh, Richard Winger, Mark Axinn, Bill Redpath...everyone on now except Chris Thrasher.

Previous meeting minutes approved without objection.

KY ballot access lawsuit update. Appealed district court ruling, brief today, their brief due next week, no reply briefs. On schedule to get an emergency ruling on strong case before circuit court goes on break in early August.

State by state

MA due 8/2. Signature drive is complete, town turn-in is very logistically challenging. Carla believes it is in good shape but there is a danger of failure if it is not handled correctly. Chris Crawford is heading that up.

NY 15k valid due by 8/2. Axinn reports production has picked up, Bonner crew is up to 6 people, turned in 2500 this week, cost has gone up from past years. 6,000 signatures came in in the past week, now 15k raw. Shooting for 25k raw which will take a thousand signatures a day. Money coming in from various sources.

NH 3k valid with a congressional and town distribution due 8/10. Wes Benedict heading it up for LNC. Nick Dunbar managing on the ground, 1773 reliable signatures reported. Andy Burns is also there. Wes believes it is no longer in emergency mode. Ed Marsh may be there in early August. Probably doing over 300 signatures a day now. Stray mark ruling in effect.

CT 7500 valid due by 8/10. Wes expects NY crew may go there after NY deadline. CT numbers are not being reported as often or thoroughly as other states. Josh Katz "not sure how we can speed it up." Going too slow. Anyone from MA that can go there? Most local NY petitioners will not go there, but Bonner crew may be negotiable. Arsenault has been hard to reach. Redpath and Moellman report that CT phone call on Monday was not productive. Christina Tobin has people up there? Repath recommends that Katz needs to stay on top of [NAME REDACTED] with daily reports. Move Dunbar, Burns down from NH if they get done early? [NAME REDACTED] tends to give optimistic projections, Katz reports numbers in hand. Wes recommends talking to Nick and Josh to see if more money can be appropriated to get someone else into CT, and not rely on [NAMES REDACTED] as they tend to fall short. Signature counts have not gone up much in the last week or two. However probably at least 6k in hand now. 5,400 in hand reported as of 4 days ago. 5-7k more needed. CT is paying 2.50, can that go up? [NAME REDACTED] is getting 3.00 rate but no one else can. Nick Dunbar needs to manage town deliveries in NH, Josh Katz can be reliable to manage it in CT.

DC 4,500 valid needed by 8/10, 2100 raw in hand, believed 2500 or so collected so far. Two other candidates paying also but have fewer signatures. Very difficult place to petition. New team came in in the last few days. Andy Jacobs and Bob Lynch may still come in, possibly tomorrow, but not yet guaranteed. Carla Howell managing. New/unknown people also starting up. George MacArthur transitioning from volunteer to paid, has about 500 so far. Pankin goes back and forth. Something needed to boost the production on the other two candidates if we want to actually get them on the ballot. Very hot weather and storms coming in. Not an emergency per Carla, but still of concern.

OH 5k valid by 8/10, Ken Moellman managing, Contractor **[NAME REDACTED]** has had bad validity. New crew just hired and is reporting good numbers, volunteer drive stepping up. Expect to be done in about a week. Verification on the new contractor will be done this week. New contractor is Gary Summers.

AL 5k valid by 8/18 Moellman/Frankel 3k paid, 1k raw .. can anyone here go up north in emergency? Probably not except for Robert Johnson, Kaye's son.

Back to CT, production rate needs to get doubled; 6k now and only doing about 125 raw sig per day

Chris Thrasher is on the call. Johnson campaign helping bring people in there as well DC. Redpath will call a list of Johnson supporters in CT, will get the list from the campaign.

KY, 5k valid needed by 9/9, Volunteer signatures not being counted. A lot of petitioners will be available after Aug 10 and 18th. 700 volunteer known as of Jul 5 but no updates since.

WA 1k valid needed by 7/23, getting everything together with 1600-1800 in hand.

NJ 800 valid by 8/1; still 400 volunteer and 800 paid, ten days left, need to shore up validity margin. Redpath recommends 1600 raw. Many signatures may have been collected in Camden, possible challenge? Has any validity checking been done?

IA 1500 valid needed by 8/19, 1500 in hand all volunteer. Probably 700-800 more needed for validity margin. State party may have a false sense of security because they have not been challenged before. Nebraska people may help with the margin.

MN 2k valid needed by 8/23, Burns is in NH; check with state chair Chris Dock. Ken will follow up. From the spreadsheet 1800 all volunteer reported 7/12.

VA 5k valid need by 8/26. Redpath reports 4k-5k valid in hand. Trying to get turn in organized, need at least 5k raw. Ed Marsh will help with 9th district, **[NAME REDACTED]** has been underperforming

RI 1k valid needed by 9/9. Starting to get a few sigs.

Suggestion to Thrasher to see if Johnson campaign can boost pay in CT if Sarwark does not agree. Thrasher will try to see if he can get another 50 cents per sig from the campaign to boost the pay.

Thrasher has been working with Bob Johnson on the paperwork end with electors, candidate substitution paperwork etc.

Same time and day next week. Adjourned without objection.

## **July 28, 2016**

Ken Moellman, Paul Frankel, Ed Marsh, Wes Benedict, Bill Redpath, Mark Axinn...

Called to order 6:05 pm eastern

Thrasher joined

NJ expects to turn in 1800 raw for a 800 valid requirement early next week. many of the signatures are volunteer. 1500 in hand and expect 300 more before the turn in.



NY 26 k in hand including 6 k volunteer, shooting for 30k now, turn in Tuesday; behind on the money - cost was at least 50% more than ever before, volunteer effort was less than expected. A lot of signatures came in at the end. Axinn fronted 12k to cover petitioners and is owed money by LPNY and/or GJ16. 30k would double the requirement.

Carla Howell now on the call.

MA - town turn ins and pickups will go on for weeks, not much info on that but in good shape as far as we know. Dropoffs may have all happened by now, now working on getting them back.

CT 7500 valid needed by 8/10; close to 8000 raw in hand now. Darryl needs to go to PA for medical reasons, his crew going to do Rocky in NY - available after NY deadline on 8/2? Darryl volunteered his final batch of 300 in NY. **[NAMES REDACTED]** did a lot in a few days in NY, doing Rocky there now, could go to CT? Validity testing is behind. Not clear whether they need more people or not? Can NH people go to CT? NH has a lot of small producers that live there. Andy Burns is back in MN. Nick Dunbar needs to stay in NH for town turnins. Bill Redpath can come in for the last few days.

NH 3k valid due 8/10, 4108 raw in hand, congressional district distribution and competition with other campaigns is an issue; no statewide database available to do validity; overkill needed i.e going over by more than in other states for validity. Need to track the two districts separately.

DC 4500 valid needed by 8/10. seven pros on the ground, about 4k raw in hand now. May not be enough signatures for the other 2 candidates.

OH 5k valid needed by 8/10. 1019 volunteer and 5237 paid in hand plus 700 that have not been entered into the spreadsheet. They are piggybacking off statewide petition that ends on Monday. Will they keep working after statewide ends? About 7k raw in hand between volunteer and paid. Need about 1300-1800 more valid. Chris Thrasher, Lou Jasikoff, Andy Jacobs, Kaye Matthews to OH? Carla suggests another name... Ed Mason. **[NAME REDACTED]** crew is starting to get better validity but still low. Johnson OH coordinator falsely broadcast that we were done a month ago, which was not corrected until last week. Andy wants to go to DC but not needed there. Bill Redpath can call GJ list to try to get petitioners if the campaign gives him the list. **[NAME REDACTED]** keeps saying he will get it done in a week for months. Some people shifted from AL?

Richard Winger on the call

Kay Matthews will go to OH after this weekend. Wes and I will provide some names of people who might go.

AL, VA, KY, IA, MN, RI all look like they will be in good shape. VA is at 5k raw, needs 5k valid by 8/26.

30k more sigs nationally thru 9/9.

Adjourned without objection.

## August 4, 2016

*On Thu, Aug 4, 2016 at 4:32 PM, Wes Benedict <[wes.benedict@lp.org](mailto:wes.benedict@lp.org)> wrote:*

*NH looks to be in fine shape. The CD1 vs. CD2 spread so far appears to be 52% to 48%. Total 5,800 signatures in hand. 3,000 valid needed (split in 2 districts).*

*CT looks likely to collect a couple thousand too many. Joshua is working to terminate petitioners. 10,818 turned in plus 2,500 in petitioners hands, and people still working (10,818+2,500=13,318). 7,500 valid required.*

*DC looks to be in fine shape for Gary Johnson, but will be cutting it close for the two down-ticket races. Plus, a third just joined (Bruce Majors) in a down ticket race. For Gary Johnson, 4421 required, 6,202 turned in, 487 reported in hand (6,202+487=6,689).*

*\*\*Bill Redpath will be wanted in DC for the down-ticket races, but not needed in NH, CT, DC.*

Thursday 8/4 at 6PM Eastern Time

Ed Marsh, Ken Moellman, Chris Thrasher, David Demarest, Mark Axinn, Bill Redpath, ...

everyone on the call who is supposed to be on except Richard Winger; Carla Howell won't be able to join but Wes Benedict will report on DC

NY (Axinn): 32,617 raw for Johnson/Weld and Alex Merced for Senate. About 25k paid and 7k volunteer. 5500 came in in 3 days. Spent far more than expected or in the past, due to slow start floodgates were opened and took some time to shut down. 75k spent; 60k came in. Money came in from national and state parties and GJ/WW campaign. 12k owed to Axinn. Lots of petitioners showed up right at the end. Johnson campaign has not replied to request to reimburse Axinn. Thrasher says Ron is willing to cut the check but just has not got around to it yet.

CT (Benedict) - keeps going back in forth between being ahead and behind schedule. Need 7500 valid by 8/10. 10,818 turned in raw, 2500 reported in petitioners hands. Petitioners being shut down but some are still collecting. Over budget. 15k or more raw sigs seems likely. No new people needed. Summers just got there from OH and then was told he was not needed.

Redpath: Biggest problem has been slow starts leading to panic at the end

Benedict: Solution is to send someone like Nick Dunbar to hard states early on.

Thrasher will be in CT to assist with the turnin. Alex and Danielle from FL may help with that also. May hit RI while up there.

DC - 6202 on GJ turned in, 487 reported in hand, total 6689, on target for successful completion on 8/10. The other two downticket petitions may still be short. Carla has been trying to get those over the top and Bill Redpath will go into DC over the weekend to work on it. Majors now running locally (city council?), 500 sigs needed. 4421 valid needed on GJ by 8/10.

	GJ/WW	MM	MK
Turned-in	6202	3154	3117
Reported in-hand	487	232	234
Total collected	6689	3386	3351
Estimated additional	1150	1690	1690
Total gross predicted	7839	5076	5041
GOAL gross at 60%	8000	5500	5500
Deficit	-161	-424	-459
GOAL gross at rpt'd validity	7619	5238	5238
Deficit	-220	162	197

Challenge jurisdictions so we may actually already be good on all of them if there is no challenge. Bruce Majors says DC has not ever had challenges.

Ken suggests 3.00 rate for the other candidates. Wes doesn't think we need it.

NH, 1500 valid needed in each of two congressional districts by 8/10. 5800 raw in hand split 52-48% between the two districts. Volunteers are still collecting so will have over 6k raw.

OH, 5k valid needed by 8/10. Volunteers and paid petitioners stepped way up at the end. Paid petitioning ended with a bang. On track for 12k plus raw, 6k plus valid. Came in under budget.

AL, 5k valid needed by 8/18. About 7k raw collected. Going for 9500 raw paid now, plus at least 1100 volunteer collected with more coming in, possible concern with SOS screwing us over on validity. If we bring in 12k raw we should have enough

to cover it even if they do. Me and Leigh will check with SOS tomorrow when we turn in some in. Looking at possible legal action if there are problems on the validity. David Schoen?

IA, 1500 valid needed by 8/19; state party has 1478 in hand and was only planning to go for 1600 raw. Ken trying to get them to go over by more. Lou Jasikoff will help cover the margin there. Need at least 2200. Same problem with some other easy states where they don't try to get enough margin.

MN, 2k valid needed by 8/23; Check on progress with Andy Burns? Is he/will he petition there? He worked in other states and is back home now. Benedict will follow up.

VA, 5k valid needed by 8/26. May need up to \$5k from out of state. 5400-5500 have been turned in Tuesday. Lynch, Bonner, others will be headed there; some people needed to be directed to specific congressional districts. Deadline is noon.

KY, 5k valid due 9/9; RI 1k valid due 9/9. Should be in good shape, lots of people will be headed to KY.

Meeting adjourned.

## **August 11, 2016**

Moellman, Frankel, Axinn, Marsh, Winger, Thrasher, Katz,

Previous minutes approved without objection

CT ended 8/10. 7500 valid required, 16k raw were submitted. Everything is checked by town clerks. Overall validity estimated at 60%. Summers did a good job in CT.

DC ended 8/10. 4421 required, 7926 turned in on GJ. Other two candidates also at about 166% of valid number.

NH ended 8/10, two districts needed 1500 valid each. Town dropoffs done, Dunbar will go back to NH to do town pickups and state dropoff. District 1 had just over double, district 2 had close to double.

OH ended 8/10, needed 5k valid, 12.6 k raw turned in. SOS is messing with substitution. They are falsely claiming that substitution needs to wait til after the petitions are checked, which will be after the substitution deadline.

AL 5k valid due by 8/18. 8500 paid and 1500 volunteer "in hand" but about 500 of the paid are missing (should be with either the state chair or state treasurer but they can't find them). Rocky petitioners are here as well now.

IA 1500 valid due by 8/19, 1600 raw in hand, Lou Jasikoff and Chris Thrasher will try to boost up the margin. Paid petitioner available for IA and/or MN.

MN 2000 valid due by 8/23. 1800 raw in hand as of mid July but have not been able to get a hold of them ever since. to get an update. Ken got a ph # for state chair Chris Dock from Robert Kraus today and will follow up. Winger says never been any challenges to any presidential candidate ever in Minnesota. Chris Thrasher will also try to reach Chris Dock.

VA 5k valid due 8/26. At least 5300 raw turned in. Redpath is not on the call.

KY 5k valid due 9/9. Milton Lukins is already working there. Paid drive will start in earnest this weekend. Several petitioners lined up to work there.

RI 1k valid due 9/9. Bonner is on the ground.

NY general objection filed, waiting whether specific objections will follow. Over 32k filed for a 15k valid requirement. Axinn still waiting on reimbursement for the 12k he fronted to petitioners to cover overruns. "Check is in the mail." In house validity checks were 60-80%, it would need to be below 46% for a challenge to succeed; we won't know til Mon or Tues whether specific objections were filed by 11:59 pm tonight. Congressional candidate Mike McDermott may be on the cusp of getting knocked off or making it.

AL does not need substitution, KY will not do it as were warned, MN does not allow it, VA needs it; RI and IA needs substitution also.

2 CT out of state petitioner ban lawsuits won yesterday. This will be useful in NY lawsuit on same issue.

Adjourned. Next week's call will be an hour later to accomodate my time for the final AL turnin.

## **August 18, 2016**

Call to order 7:03PM

Present: Axinn, Marsh, Moellman, Redpath, Thrasher

Motion to approve minutes: Axinn moves, Redpath second

State by state

\* OH good

\* AL turn-in today. Frankel at turn-in. No substitution for AL

\* Iowa 2153 sigs still collecting. Should have about 2200-2300 sigs. Substitution will be done same-day.

\* Minnesota – Thrasher contacting Andy Burns. Burns seemed to have sense that MN in good shape. Burns going back to MN tomorrow. Thrasher can make the trip over the weekend to MN. Anything less than 3000 is bad. Challenges uncommon. Unique year.

\* Virginia – 7547 sigs. No validity feedback until Monday 8/22. Events going on that should result in over 8000. Validity state, not challenge state. Multiple turn-ins. Last turn-in on 26<sup>th</sup> at noon.

\* Rhode Island – Bonner at about 475. Need to boost production.

\* Kentucky – State party questionable. Soft deadline 9/2. Turn-in target 9/5. Pros on the ground.

Next meeting set for Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> 7PM

Axinn moves to adjourn, multiple seconds

Adjourned 7:20PM.

## **August 25, 2016**

On the call: Moellman, Frankel, Thrasher, Redpath, Marsh,

Axinn planned absence.

Called to order - 7:04

Previous minutes approved without objection

Ohio - challenge period ends tomorrow. Not expecting a challenge. State put us on the ballot.

AL - Final turn-in this past thursday. Confirmed on the ballot today. State's sample indicates that they counted 11,160 raw signatures, in line with my estimate of 11-12k. Ed Packard, head of elections division, says they would have checked validity at 5k raw had we represented to them that that would be our final turn-in if they ruled us as having enough valid signatures at that point. Even though they and we both know that 5 k raw is not going to be 5 k valid, it's important that we watch how we phrase/present this to them next time, so we need to document this so as not to repeat the same situation in the future.

IA - Confirmed on the ballot, except there is a challenge period. Challenge not expected. 4-6 days til challenge period ends.

MN - Turned in over 3k, certified and on the ballot.

VA - 5k valid by noon tomorrow. 4600 valid certified so far. Final turn in either already happened or will happen tomorrow morning. Not official in all congressional districts yet but believed more than enough. Working on substitution paperwork.

KY - 5k valid due 9/9. Collecting 500 plus signatures a day. Expecting to be done early and turn petitioners over to the other candidates. About 1k volunteer and 3k paid in hand.

RI - 1k valid due 9/9. 976 paid, 400 or so volunteer in hand. Expect to be done in a week. Thrasher hitting the ground there over the weekend.

Call next week will be Wednesday night 7 pm eastern. Thursday several people have other plans.

## **August 31, 2016**

On the call, Moellman, Frankel, Marsh, Redpath, Winger, Axinn, Thrasher

Meeting called to order

Previous minutes approved without objection

NH and CT - why so late in getting back to us?

CT - Greens are on as of today; Andy Rule would be who they will notify for LP. Thrasher will follow up to check.

NH - Dunbar handling NH pickups from towns and delivering to SOS. Scheduled for Sept 2.

IA, MN on the ballot, no issues

VA - Certified for the ballot

RI - 850 turned into towns, 700 more in hand, 300 more in Darryl Bonner's possession - ongoing turn in with towns. No pickup and delivery to SOS, towns report them to SOS directly.

KY - campaign, national LP and state LP not all on the same page. Thrasher on his way to try to resolve these issues. About 7500 in hand. Validity is ongoing on the signatures collected thru national. Signatures in state party possession have not been validated. Morning of Sept 6 turn in to SOS. Expect Greens to turn in first. Need to be there early in the morning so Rocky does not come in ahead of LP also.

Committee report needs to be written at the end of the petition drives. Lessons learned, things to improve and or do more of. How to get more production earlier in the drives? Issues with transparency, explain why some of the discussions had to be secret. Look at policy manual for report requirements. How to deal better with substitution issues?

Next meeting Wednesday at 6:30

Adjourned

## **September 7, 2016**

Frankel, Winger absent

Agenda:

6:33 - Call to Order / Attendance

6:34 - Approval of meeting minutes of previous meeting (review below) - 1 minute

Marsh moves, Axinn seconds.

No objection

6:35 - State-by-state analysis - 25 minutes

Connecticut (Review - is substitution complete?)

deadline either friday or next wednesday. paperwork all looks good. submitted today 9/7

Kentucky (Review)

Pulled all-nighter on Monday night prepping; Frankel, Moellman, Thrasher and Capano (state chair).

Almost 13000 sigs submitted

Beat the Greens by 30 minutes - we keep dupes

250% of minimum in a number of challenge states

Keeps us safe

We're listed on the ballot.

Rhode Island

Over 700 confirmed

Another 800 delivered in last few days

Thrasher almost on-site to help with turn-in

Turn-in mostly finished Thursday, outskirts towns on Friday.

Deadline 4pm Friday at town clerks

Need to verify if pickup required.

One more filing required to put candidates on the ballot. The electors select the candidate. Deadline is later but will get finished this weekend.

6:45 - Any other new business

Last time 50+DC w/ same candidate was 1996.

Missouri electors -- not submitted yet?!?! -- working to get resolved before RI turn-in completed

Florida form problem??? There were some issues related to confusion swearing an oath that does not apply to pres/vp.

Hurricane caused website delay. Johnson/Weld certified on the state website.

6:50 - Scheduling of next meeting

Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30pm

6:52 - Adjournment

motion and second - 6:54pm

## **September 22, 2016**

On the call: Paul Frankel, Ed Marsh, Mark Axinn, Bob Johnston, Ken Moellman, Chris Thrasher

Previous meeting minutes approved without objection

NH electing electors this weekend. Question about CA but believed good. MO has til October 18. NH can only appoint the electors from late September til a week before the election.

PA issue with Johnson not being on some counties' absentee ballots (at least two counties known). Requests for written responses not answered.

Thrasher says there is information there may be foul play involved and that it may be more widespread.

Moellman will post the policy manual section about the committee's report.

Next meeting in 2 weeks, Thursday October 6 at 6:30 pm eastern.

## **October 6, 2016**

Moellman has joined.

Last weeks minutes approved without objection.

Ken getting info from LNC, JW16 and states on spending etc this past cycle.

Bill Redpath will prepare report for VA

Shooting for early November first draft 4 weeks before Inc meeting, thanksgiving weekend for final draft

514k spent by Inc. JW16 estimate 180-200k. Adding states, likely over 800k total in '15-'16.

16 states Inc spent money plus a few that were all-volunteer or done locally/JW.

Sense of urgency early in the drives needed. Especially making sure the petitions are put together as soon as allowed. How to guide needed. Adjustment to more competition and higher rates in petition business. paid management? varying opinions.

meeting again 2 wks, same time

Bill - VA gov race ballot access petitioning for next year, may ask LNC for loan

## **October 20, 2016**

Meeting skipped. Meetings will resume post-election on November 10th.

## **November 10, 2016**

All voting members on the call. Bob Johnston on. Thrasher not on yet.

Previous meeting minutes approved without objection.

Ken has been working on compiling report.

Richard Winger on where we stand:

Need to lobby to introduce ballot access improvement bills.

Thrasher now on the call.

12 states with no access. 38 plus DC have access for 2018.

*\*\*(\*exec session: legal discussion\*)\*\**

AL needs to fix ballot access law due to court ruling on special elections petitioning. State is appealing. We can try to put in a friendly amendment.

Next meeting - next week same time

## **November 17, 2016**

Richard Winger planned absence. Ed Marsh also not on the call.

Meeting called to order.

Previous minutes approved without objection.

50 states plus DC in 2018 ...how would this work in VA given the main non-prez races are in 2017, and the US House petitions are separate?

Sharpe looking at LPNY Gov race. Axinn optimistic about retention from that.

Need info from Johnson campaign about their state by state spending.

Ken (mostly) and Paul working on committee report.

Frankel discussed in Alabama FB group how many people would be interested in running if we could get ballot access, lots of interest. Ken says he thinks that would be the case all over the country. Alabama laws are good in the respect that statewide access gives us access for all local and legislative partisan races up and down the ballot with no separate petitions for any offices.

Redpath: Discussion of thanking petitioners as a way to help keep them working with LP. Need to come up with a list.

Richard Winger (planned absence), via Redpath: work with Brad Smith to reform Ohio ballot access laws.



Ohio wants to finish by Dec '17 so they can do a primary. Redpath, Moellman working with LPOH chair Scott Pettigrew. They have a written plan. Redpath is helping look up post offices to see which ones have sidewalk access. Tennessee is also working on volunteer petitioning already. Axinn very skeptical of being able to work with Republicans in Ohio, Redpath tends to agree.

As far as "passing laws against faithless electors" is concerned, every state has done so — the state laws all have electors designated as bound to candidates. By definition, electors who do not act according to that law are breaking that law.

Wes Benedict joined call. ME needs to write letter clarifying whether they are a recognized party.

**\*\*exec: legal discussion\*\***

Prioritize the lobbying efforts....which states?

Next meeting Wed Nov 30 at 6 pm eastern.

SOS certification - notes and planning to keep this from becoming a problem in the future.

Adjourn without objection.

## **November 30, 2016**

Chris Thrasher joined. Carla Howell joined. Redpath, Axinn; Marsh planned absent. Moellman, Frankel on the call. Wes Benedict joined.

Minutes approved without objection

Many states not yet certified, so Ken is using numbers as of now

Thrasher is adding state by state Johnson spending to the report.

Most of the Johnson spending was on expenses and logistics of picking up and delivering signatures

Issues with petitioner evaluations getting leaked?

Most of the discussion this call was mostly internal to the committee to help each other out on how to fill out the report.

Add section on ballot access wins/retentions - forthcoming LP News article covers this; Richard has a report on this that can be moved towards the front. Comparison with 2011-2012?

WA ballot access in question. Possible lawsuit?

<http://ballot-access.org/2016/11/30/washington-secretary-of-state-wont-recognize-libertarian-party-after-all/> Earlier article

<http://ballot-access.org/2016/11/30/libertarian-party-becomes-qualified-party-in-washington/>

Maine retention is also unclear. OH, TN - interpretation of vote test issue as explained in past week(s) - TN has sent a letter for clarification to SOS. OH just got results certified.

Next meeting 5:30 eastern next Wednesday 12/7

## December 7th, 2016

On the call: Ed Marsh, Chris Thrasher, Ken Moellman, Paul Frankel, Bob Johnston, Mark Axinn

5:35 Previous minutes approved without objection

5:36 Old business

\* Committee Report

--- what's been added

----- Report re-arranged and format changes (1 state per page)

----- Chart completed

----- More content added from staff

--- what's left

----- Petitioner reviews - email sent requesting information

----- Non-petitioned state Johnson Results / Retain or Extend or no difference

----- Adding "what to do for 2017/2018" to states without access.

Discussion of what has been added to the report - Bob Johnston's chart, missing info, grid finished and used to fill in info  
Items in report rearranged

We have the info already, put it together with each state. What is required, what will it cost, etc. Arkansas needs to be done in 2017, hopefully some other states.

Bill Redpath joined.

5:42 New business

--- what to submit/publish (exec session for supplemental?)

Petitioner review and legal opportunity would be executive session

Ed Marsh: **[LEGAL REDACTED]**, contra report

--- when to submit/publish ("Before LNC Meeting" in policy manual)

Axinn: Thanks to Ken for the work on this report, committee

Moellman: and everyone else

5:50 Schedule next meeting

January - exact date to be set over email

5:57 Adjourn

Approval of report will be over email.

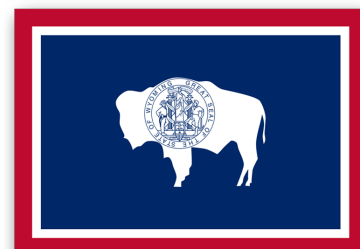
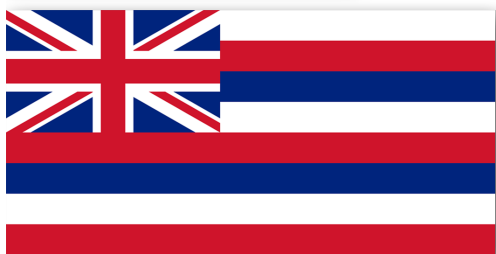
Adjourned without objection.

**See the following 65 pages for the Region 1 Report**

# LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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## REGION 1 REPORT



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REGIONAL REPORT FOR REGION 1  
ALASKA, ARIZONA, COLORADO, HAWAII, KANSAS,  
MONTANA, UTAH, WASHINGTON, AND WYOMING

LIBERTARIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 10-11, 2016

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# REGION 1 OVERVIEW

The nine affiliates that comprise Region 1 are: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Due to the geographical nature of this region, spanning five time zones and extending from 19 to 71 degrees north latitude (some 3,000 x 3,000 miles), in-person contact between the Regional and the Alternate Representative and the individual affiliates will be infrequent. The Regional Representative will attempt to attend as many affiliate conventions in 2017 as possible. Regular contact is maintained with the affiliates and members through email, phone, a dedicated Facebook discussion group, and informational website. Further, the Regional Representative has requested notice of affiliate Board meetings and will remotely attend as many as possible as well as having an ongoing request to be added to any electronic mailings.

## National Memberships

All of the states in the Region experienced growth in membership numbers between October 2015 and October 2016.

### October 2015 National Membership Summary

	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
ALASKA	56	40
ARIZONA	278	15
COLORADO	371	9
HAWAII	54	41
KANSAS	123	28
MONTANA	40	44
UTAH	78	36
WASHINGTON	313	12
WYOMING	26	50

### October 2016 National Membership Summary

	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
ALASKA	85	40
ARIZONA	394	16
COLORADO	605	10
HAWAII	83	41
KANSAS	177	30
MONTANA	74	43
UTAH	151	35
WASHINGTON	594	11
WYOMING	39	51

## YEAR OVER YEAR TRENDS

ALASKA MEMBERSHIP UP 51.7%

ARIZONA MEMBERSHIP UP 41.7%

COLORADO MEMBERSHIP UP 63.0%

HAWAII MEMBERSHIP UP 53.7%

KANSAS MEMBERSHIP UP 43.9%

MONTANA MEMBERSHIP UP 85%

UTAH MEMBERSHIP UP 93.5%

WASHINGTON MEMBERSHIP UP 89.7%

WYOMING MEMBERSHIP UP 50.0%

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## State Party Memberships

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### States with Partisan Libertarian Registration

	Total Registrations	Registered Voters	Percentage Libertarian	Growth Since 7/16 Report
ALASKA <sup>1</sup>	7,557	528,879	1.4%	-.1%
ARIZONA <sup>2</sup>	31,358	3,588,466	.87%	+.11%
COLORADO	43,804	3,837,505	1.13%	+.22%
KANSAS	15,500	1,937,500	.8%	0%
UTAH <sup>3</sup>	13,609	1,746,575	.8%	+.15%
WYOMING <sup>4</sup>	1,615	240,809	.67%	+.17%

### States without Partisan Libertarian Registration

	Total Members	How Determined	Growth Since 7/16 Report
HAWAII	83	Nat'l BSM	+ 14.4 %
MONTANA <sup>5</sup>	74	Nat's BSM	+20.2%
WASHINGTON <sup>6</sup>	594	Nat'l BSM	+26.1%

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<sup>1</sup> The LPAK Bylaws defines members as registered voters who pay dues (there is an ambiguity as to whether the registration must be Libertarian registration).

<sup>2</sup> Percentage of active registered voters. The AZLP Constitution defines 3 classes of membership: registered Libertarians, county precinct committeemen, and state committeemen that are all defined statutorily. Only the committeemen have voting rights at the state convention.

<sup>3</sup> The LPUT Constitution defines membership differently as including dues-payers and pledgers but not requiring partisan Libertarian registration. The Kansas Secretary of State site does not have 2016 voter registration details, so information found in 7/16 is used.

<sup>4</sup> The WYLP Bylaws provides for three classes of voting membership: statutory committeemen, partisan Libertarian candidate in the past two years, or dues-paying registered voters. The membership at the time of the 7/18/16 report was under 15; it was unknown at the time of the 12/16 report.

<sup>5</sup> The MTLP is re-organizing and has a larger voluntary membership than the BSM numbers.

<sup>6</sup> The LPWA has about 320 dues-paying state party members.

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## Key Election Percentages

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### November 2016 Races

	Gary Johnson	US Senate	Other Statewide or Qualifying	Highest Any Race
ALASKA	5.77%	29.39%	10.14%	29.39%
ARIZONA	4.16%	N/A	N/A	31%
COLORADO	5.07%	2.55%	N/A	31.09%
HAWAII <sup>7</sup>	3.7%	1.6%	3.2%	22.2%
KANSAS	5%	6%	8%	29%
MONTANA	5.7%	N/A	3% <sup>8</sup>	14.97%
UTAH	3.5%	N/A <sup>9</sup>	6.73%	23.86%
WASHINGTON	~5.2%	Pending	Pending	Pending
WYOMING <sup>10</sup>	5.3%	N/A	3.6%	3.6%

Colorado and Kansas candidates both had candidates with top US House vote percentages. Utah had a top gubernatorial candidate, and Washington had a top statewide non-gubernatorial candidate. In two-way state legislature races, Kansas, Hawaii, Colorado, Utah, and Montana candidates had top vote percentages.

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## Ballot Access Requirements and Retention

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### Alaska

In order to be a recognized political party, Alaska requires that the gubernatorial candidate receive at least 3% of the total votes cast or whose number of registered voters is equal to at least 3% of the total votes cast for governor. If the race for governor is not on the ballot, the race for US Senator is used to calculate the 3%, and if neither the governor nor the US Senate is on the ballot, the race for US Representative is used.

US Senate candidate Joe Miller achieved over 3% (he received 29.39%) thereby securing continued ballot access.

### Arizona

There is no vote test needed. The AZLP needs to maintain .67% of registered voters (partisan) with the number currently at .87%.

### Colorado

There is no vote test needed. The LPCO needs to maintain 1,000 registered Libertarians; the number is presently close to 30K in active voters and well over 30K if inactive voters are included.

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<sup>7</sup> Some percentages differ from the Hawaii Elections site as their percentages include “blank ballots” which are not counted towards their ballot access percentages.

<sup>8</sup> There were three statewide races that all achieved 3%: Rick Breckenridge (US Representative), Roger Roots (Secretary of State), and Ted Dunlap (Governor).

<sup>9</sup> There was a gubernatorial race which garnered 3.08%.

<sup>10</sup> Wyoming had one additional candidate, Lawrence Struempf for US Representative.

## **Hawaii**

The vote test requirement is 10% in a statewide race or US House, or alternatively , 4% of all votes cast for state Senate, 4% of all votes cast for State House, or 2% of all votes cast for state Senate and state House combined. Adopting a strategy of attempting the lowest threshold (4% of votes cast in a US Senate races), the total votes for the five candidates in qualifying races was 8,293 out of 135,298 votes across eight races for a percentage of 6.1, enough to retain ballot access for an additional five election cycles, i.e. the next ten years.

## **Kansas**

The vote test requirement is 1% of a statewide race, including the presidential race. The LPKS has had access since 1992, and report that between the US Senate and presidential races. This threshold has been met across several races.

## **Montana**

The vote test requirement averages out to be 2.8% which can be met by any statewide candidate in about seven races. In this cycle, it turned out to be 12,542 votes needed. Three statewide candidates (Rick Breckenridge-US Representative, Roger Roots-Secretary of State, and Ted Dunlap-Governor) met this burden.

## **Utah**

The vote test requirement is 2% of any statewide race. This was met by gubernatorial candidate Brian Kamerath (3.08%) and Attorney General candidate Andrew McCullough (6.73%).

## **Washington**

1,000 signatures need. The LPWA will become ballot-qualified party if 5% in presidential vote is achieved.

## **Wyoming**

The vote test requirement this race is 2% in a US House race which was met by US Representative candidate Lawrence Struempf (3.6%).

The vote test is limited in presidential years to just US House which must be achieved in order to remain on the ballot. If 10% is achieved, primary status would be retained, otherwise, nominations by convention would resume. In mid-term years, three offices count: US House, Governor, and Secretary of State.

## **Note on Major/Minor Party Designation**

As per Richard Winger, there are 16 two-tier states and the other 34 states just have one category of qualified party. The two-tier states are Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

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## State Conventions

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### **Alaska**

The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set.

### **Arizona**

The 2017 Convention is set for January 21, 2017. I plan on attending.

### **Colorado**

The 2017 Convention is set for March 24-26, 2017.

### **Hawaii**

The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set but it will likely be in late Spring or early Fall.

### **Kansas**

The 2017 Convention is being tentatively set for the end of the April.

### **Montana**

The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set.

### **Utah**

The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set but will likely be in April or May.

### **Washington**

The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set but will likely be in April or May.

### **Wyoming**

The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set.

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## Other

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Google alerts have been set up in order to monitor the Web for news and information about each affiliate and key candidates (when appropriate) in Region 1 as well as a feed to monitor the regional Facebook content.

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ALASKA



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Jon Watts, jon.watts@alaskan.com

Vice Chair: Randy Stevens, randywild@gci.net

Treasurer: Vacant/Cean Stevens, mermaidcean@yahoo.com

Secretary: Vacant/Cean Stevens, mermaidcean@yahoo.com

Membership: Stephanie Shaeffer, kgendeavors@gmail.com

Communications: Joel Hadley, joelhadley@hotmail.com

Website: <http://www.alaskalibertarian.com>

### Office Space

The LPAK has office space available to them on a donated basis when needed.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	7,557. Up from 7,467 one year prior. However, this represents 1.4% of the registered voters (528,879) which is down .1% since the 7/16 Region 1 report.
Method of Membership Determination	The LPAK Bylaws defines members as registered voters who pay dues (there is an ambiguity as to whether the registration must be Libertarian registration).
Partisan Registration?	Yes.



Ballot Access Status/Requirement/Retention	<p>The LPAK has ballot access.</p> <p>Access is obtained through nomination from state-recognized political party.<sup>11</sup></p> <p>2016 US Senate candidate Joe Miller received 29.39% of the vote.</p>
Method of Determining Candidates	At convention or committee vote as per 2016 Bylaws. The prior Bylaws called for participation in the open primary.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	4 / 3 for statewide races.
Estimated Budget	\$7K-\$10K yearly.
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is up but contains one outdated page for 2016 convention. Facebook is generally current but has inconsistent posting schedule. Page likes are at 2,771. This would place Alaska about 35 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is up two spots since my last report. The Facebook page is entitled "Alaska Libertarian Party" rather than the Libertarian Party of Alaska. The Chair was alerted to this naming inconsistency.
Newsletter?	Yes. I subscribed. Last newsletter sent 2/16.
Database?	Yes. They use both Excel and a database product from a local company called 2-D Crowd which has features that are uniquely suited to Alaska. Mark Fish has been handling this portion.
BSM Members	85. This places Alaska at 40 <sup>nd</sup> in the affiliate rankings. This is up two rankings since my last report and up 57.5% over a one year period.

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## Board Meetings

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The current Board is scattered over a large geographic area so that meetings are attended in person in Anchorage by those who can and by teleconferencing for those who live further away. Meetings have been quarterly, but the affiliate is looking at moving to bi-monthly meetings. I have requested to be on the distribution list.

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<sup>11</sup> A recognized political party in Alaska is an organized group of voters whose candidate for governor received at least 3% of the total votes cast in the preceding general election or whose number of registered voters is equal to at least 3% of the total votes cast for governor. In non-gubernatorial years, the US Senate (and then the US House of Representatives) race is used.

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set.

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## State Level Membership

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The LPAK Bylaws defines members as registered voters who pay dues (there is an ambiguity as to whether the registration must be Libertarian registration).

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## Sub-Affiliates

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The state is broken down into burrows. Fairbanks (the Libertarian Party of Interior Alaska) has begun and needs to be re-started with new officers. Chair Watts is committed to having an active burrow group/affiliate in each of the population centers.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2016)

The LPAK ran two statewide candidates in addition to the Libertarian Presidential ticket as follows:

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 5.77%

Joe Miller (US Senate): 29.39%

Jim McDermott (US House): 10.14%

Jon Watts ran in a contested primary against Jim McDermott. Also, Libertarian Mark Fish is the first Libertarian to serve on the Alaska Public Offices Commission, and a second Libertarian will be appointed in 2017.<sup>12</sup>

### Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

Chair Watts is not presently aware of pending races for 2017 but this investigation is on the agenda to look into. He indicated that he believes the affiliate needs to focus more on local races rather than primarily on statewide slots.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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US Senate candidate Joe Miller achieved over 3% (he received 29.39%) thereby securing continued ballot access.

### **PRIMARIES:**

Alaska is a blanket primary state.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> <http://amandacoyne.com/politics/unintended-consequences-libertarian-will-be-joining-the-apoc-commission/>

## MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

Alaska does not have this distinction but has recognized political parties and registered political groups.

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## Activities

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Chair Watts would like to find opportunities for outreach to the native Alaskan population. Promised volunteer lists never materialized. The affiliate is presently strategizing on outreach direction.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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Chair Watts indicated that a fundraising strategy needs to be implemented. He needs to investigate whether any fundraising is still being done through United for Liberty which was the project of a former Board member.

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<sup>13</sup> From Richard Winger: A blanket primary puts all candidates on the same primary ballot. Then the top vote-getter from each party goes to the November ballot.

Washington state invented the blanket primary in 1934, and used it until it was declared unconstitutional in 2002. Washington state voters liked the blanket primary. After it was taken away from them by the courts, that set up a bad situation in which the top-two got a foothold. Washington voters passed the top-two initiative in 2004, because they resented that they had lost their blanket primary.

California had a blanket primary in 1998 and 2000. California voters had passed Prop. 198 for a blanket primary in 1996. It passed easily. Unlike Washington state's blanket primary, the California blanket primary did not include independent candidates. They did not participate in the blanket primary and petitioned for a place on the November ballot.

The California Dem, Rep, Libt and Peace & Freedom Parties filed a lawsuit in early 1997 to fight the blanket primary. We lost in US District Court and in the 9th circuit. But we won in the US Supreme Court. The decision, *Calif. Dem Party v Jones*, was 7-2. Scalia wrote it. He said the freedom of association part of the First Amendment protects political parties from having to let members of other parties help determine their nominees. His decision came out in June 2000. So California switched starting in 2002 to a semi-closed primary.

Although we were very happy with this decision at the time, in retrospect it has done more harm than good. Because of that decision, the top-two movement began. After Washington state passed the initiative for top-two in 2004, the US District Court struck it down, and the 9th circuit agreed. But then in March 2008, in a decision by Clarence Thomas, the US Supreme Court said that the top-two primary was not unconstitutional on its face, at least as to freedom of association. So then California top-two people saw their chance and got the California legislature to put it on the ballot in June 2010. That US Supreme Court decision of 2008 was called *Washington State Grange v Washington State Republican Party*.

Meanwhile, Alaska had a blanket primary, which survived, because the parties in Alaska liked it. The law permits a blanket primary if the parties agree to it. In Alaska, the Libertarian, Green, Alaskan Independence, and Democratic Parties all liked it. But the Republican Party doesn't like it. So Alaska has two primary ballots. One has the candidates of the Democratic Party and all the qualified minor parties. The other ballot just has Republican candidates. The Green Party is no longer qualified in Alaska, so currently the blanket primary ballot just has Libertarians, Democrats, and Alaskan Independence Party members. The Alaska LP likes the blanket primary because (a) there are virtually never two Libertarians running against each other for a single nomination so it really doesn't change anything for us; (b) it is easier to get people to register Libertarian because they are still free to vote for Democrats in the blanket primary. We need lots of registrations in Alaska to remain on the ballot, because we can't count on meeting the alternate vote test. Although we did pass the vote test in both 2014 and 2016.

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## Media Coverage

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Significant press mentions include:

<http://juneauempire.com/state/2016-08-09/stevens-offers-libertarian-option-us-senate-race>

[http://www.newsminer.com/news/alaska\\_news/murkowski-not-taking-senate-re-election-bid-for-granted/article\\_6e29bbo2-62bf-11e6-9be2-8fb88506aed5.html](http://www.newsminer.com/news/alaska_news/murkowski-not-taking-senate-re-election-bid-for-granted/article_6e29bbo2-62bf-11e6-9be2-8fb88506aed5.html)

<http://juneauempire.com/state/2016-08-15/no-joe-miller-time-three-challengers-murkowski>

<http://www.ktuu.com/content/news/Happy-Election-Day-Alaska-Heres-where-to-vote-and-whats-on-the-ballot-390319342.html>

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<http://thelibertarianrepublic.com/joe-miller-responds-libertarian/>

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<http://peninsulaclarion.com/opinion/2016-09-08/the-election-plot-thickens>

<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2016/09/09/heres-why-socially-conservative-trump-backer-joe-miller-decided-to-run-as-a-libertarian/>

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/donald-craig-mitchell/rematch-in-alaska-daddys-\\_b\\_11937936.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/donald-craig-mitchell/rematch-in-alaska-daddys-_b_11937936.html)

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[http://www.youralaskalink.com/news/amy-demboski-there-s-only-one-conservative-in-the-u/article\\_5bc892ao-7a1e-11e6-8cfd-bfd613d66969.html](http://www.youralaskalink.com/news/amy-demboski-there-s-only-one-conservative-in-the-u/article_5bc892ao-7a1e-11e6-8cfd-bfd613d66969.html)

[http://www.dailyprogress.com/begich-considering-running-as-write-in-in-alaska-senate-race/article\\_370a6244-94bd-509b-8db4-ba77db7502d4.html](http://www.dailyprogress.com/begich-considering-running-as-write-in-in-alaska-senate-race/article_370a6244-94bd-509b-8db4-ba77db7502d4.html)

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<http://joemiller.us/2016/09/top-alaska-gop-officials-resign-rather-back-liberal-murkowski-libertarian-joe-miller/>

[http://www.newsminer.com/news/alaska\\_news/begich-won-t-run-for-us-senate-this-fall-in/article\\_502715c8-80e2-11e6-b7a7-afeaa1b5d14b.html](http://www.newsminer.com/news/alaska_news/begich-won-t-run-for-us-senate-this-fall-in/article_502715c8-80e2-11e6-b7a7-afeaa1b5d14b.html)

<https://www.peoplespunditdaily.com/news/elections/2016/09/26/mark-levin-endorses-joe-miller-us-senate-alaska/>

[http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2016/10/alaska\\_2016\\_comeback\\_kid\\_vs\\_most\\_liberal\\_republican\\_in\\_the\\_senate.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2016/10/alaska_2016_comeback_kid_vs_most_liberal_republican_in_the_senate.html)

<http://sky31.ddns.net/news/alaska-libertarian-party-boots-chair-weeks-before-election>

<http://www.radiokenai.us/alaska-libertarian-party-ousts-chair/>

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/national-politics/article109713767.html>

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/candidates-wild-alaska-race-face-off-sans-drama-43107238>

Potential strategies of Press Releases, Letters to the Editor, and Op-Eds were discussed.

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## Other

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The LPAK intends to introduce a resolution to the LNC to call upon the Federal Government to de-regulate marijuana after the beginning of the year. Alaska Voter Registration via the Permanent Fund Dividend Application, Ballot Measure 1<sup>14</sup> passed this past election. Although the LPAK opposed this measure, it will provide a potential for a greater voter base and access to voter records for the Party.

Electoral reform is a hot topic as it is in many other areas of the country with third parties banding together on some common cause in this area. Additionally, Governor Walker has introduced an overwhelming unpopular measure of reducing Permanent Fund disbursements by half in order to cover a budget shortfall—an issue that will enjoy broad support in opposition.

Tension and rivalries between social conservatives and social liberals has been a source of dissension within the affiliate with platform issues resulting. Chair Watts has indicated a desire to see the affiliate indicate its support for the National Party Platform in its governing documents and further wishes that the affiliate maintain a traditional approach to appealing to issues from multiple spectrums without being weighted to favour liberals or conservatives.

After some tumultuous times following the replacement of the Chair, things are progressing well with reinvigorating the affiliate.

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## Statement from the Chair

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We Libertarians have come a long way, but we have far to go. We live in a world full of contention, yet we carry on. We are the new paradigm of leadership that finds our strength in the voluntary consensus of worthy ideas, made real by success, rather than imposition.

We will lead each individual toward their personal power and away from forceful structures of authority, especially those built by our own egos. We will make a free world by planting and raising freedom everywhere it will grow.

Jon Briggs Watts, Chair

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[https://ballotpedia.org/Alaska\\_Voter\\_Registration\\_via\\_the\\_Permanent\\_Fund\\_Dividend\\_Application,\\_Ballot\\_Measure\\_1\\_\(2016\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Alaska_Voter_Registration_via_the_Permanent_Fund_Dividend_Application,_Ballot_Measure_1_(2016))

# ARIZONA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Michael Kielsky, [chairman@azlp.org](mailto:chairman@azlp.org)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Jim Iannuzzo

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Bill Barker

Treasurer: Marge Tendler

Assistant Treasurer: Joe Cobb

Secretary: Emily Goldberg

Assistant Secretary: Micah Black

The AZLP has three statutory officers and four non-statutory officers and exists primarily to interface with the State of Arizona with the majority of the Party work being done at the County Affiliate level.

Website: <https://www.azlp.org>

### Office Space

No.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	31,358. Up from 27,099 one year prior. This represents .87% of the registered voters (3,588.466) which is up 1.1% since the 7/16 Region 1 report.
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters. <sup>15</sup>
Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The AZLP has ballot access.  .67% of active registered voters (2/3 of 1%).  Currently has .87% of the registered voters.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	18 / 26 (2 non-partisan)
Estimated Budget	\$1K year typical.
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is up and substantially current. Facebook is current but needs best practices mentoring. Page likes are at 4,775. This would place Arizona about 18 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings, a jump of 11 places. I have actively mentored the Facebook administrator on maximizing reach and this has paid off.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	No. Arizona has strict laws governing online storage of voter registration data which limit the AZLP's ability to have an online database.
BSM Members	394. This places Arizona at 16 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings. While the numbers increased 41.7%, this is a drop of one place in the affiliate rankings.

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## Board Meetings

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<sup>15</sup> The AZLP Constitution defines 3 classes of membership: registered Libertarians, county precinct committeemen, and state committeemen that are all defined statutorily. Only the committeemen have voting rights at the state convention.

The AZLP acts mostly as a “shell” to fulfill statutory requirements of the State of Arizona with the bulk of the Party work being done at the county level (see below). They meet only to the extent needed to fulfill this role and meet statutory requirements.

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention has been set for January 21, 2017. I plan to attend. County organizational meetings and elections are starting.

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## State Level Membership

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The AZLP Constitution defines 3 classes of membership: registered Libertarians, County Precinct Committeemen, and State Committeemen that are all defined statutorily. Only the Committeemen have voting rights at the State Convention. The number of Registered Libertarians total 31,358.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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Arizona comprises 15 counties, and there are county level affiliates. Ballot access is not granted on a statewide basis across the board; individual counties also have to make the threshold of .67% of active registered voters within that county in addition to having an active county party. See “Ballot Access” for status of counties and ballot access.

The most active sub-affiliate is the Maricopa County Libertarian Party which meets monthly (<https://www.lpmaricopa.org>). 60-65% of the population of Arizona resides in this county.

In addition to Maricopa County, there are three other counties of note. Yuma County has an active affiliate but does not have ballot access. Pima County has a somewhat active affiliate and has ballot access. Coconino County has qualified with the percentages but does not have an active affiliate. Efforts are starting up in Gila and Mohave Counties. Chair Kielsky is encouraging Party activists to adopt a county and help it move towards active affiliation.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2016)

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 4.16%

One other candidate made it past the primaries, Greg Kelly, candidate for Highlands Justice of the Peace, who garnered 31% of the vote in a two-way race.

Arizona’s election laws very much intrude into the functioning of the AZLP. Their officers must be selected from amongst County Precinct Committeemen who then choose State Committeemen. Only these persons can vote at the State Convention though all Arizona registered Libertarians are members. These County Precinct Committeemen are elected by registered Libertarians in their precincts and are required to gather nominating petition signatures, but this number is small due to the small area and the fact that only registered libertarians are included in calculating the number of the signatures required, unlike the following issues that other candidates are facing.

The largest voting bloc in Arizona is independents/undeclared which outnumber the Republicans.



## Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The affiliate will be starting on petitions for the 2018 cycle early and plan to have a Libertarian on every single ballot access line. While the ballot access laws are oppressive, they have to work with them the best that they can.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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The first hurdle in Arizona ballot access is having registered Libertarians comprise .67% of active registered voters. Right now, they have .76% of the active registered voters. In addition, in order to be on the Primary ballot (either printed or added as a write-in), candidates have to obtain a certain number of signed Nominating Petitions. The Primary will take place on August 30, 2016 and is a closed primary, limited to registered Libertarian voters. This is particularly critical as the County Precinct Committeemen are included that are the pool from which the Party officers will be chosen. An open Primary would effectively be allowing non-Libertarians to choose the eventual Party officers. If the State Party ever falls off, they must petition and obtain about 21,000 valid signatures as any Party that loses qualification cannot get back on via registrations. Below is the status of the counties on an individual basis (some counties are very low density and have less than three dozen Libertarians):

Apache County .33%; Cochise County .74%; Coconino County 1.0%; Gila County .60%; Graham County .43%; Greenlee County .63%; La Paz County .38%; Maricopa County .95%; Mohave County .62%; Navajo County .65%; Pima County .80%; Pinal County .79%; Santa Cruz County .55%; Yavapai County .79%; Yuma County .62%

The issue of the Nominating Petitions is currently the subject of a lawsuit as Arizona has changed the requirements in a way that is calculated to deny access to minor parties. Previously, the Nominating Petition requirement was .5 % of the registered Libertarians in the candidate's district (or statewide). However, the new requirements cut the percentage in half to .25% but expanded the total pool from which the calculation is determined to include both Libertarians and independents/undeclared which are the most numerous voting bloc in the state. For example, using 2016 statewide figures (rounded for simplicity) of 25,000 Libertarians and 1,180,000 "others," the former rule would have required 125 signatures, while this new requirement totals 3,012 signatures. As a counter-example, using the statewide figures for Republicans of 1,125,000, and the same number of independents/undeclared, the former rule would have required 5,625 signatures, and the new one would require 5,762 signatures, a negligible difference. With this in mind, if a candidate does not obtain the required nominating signatures, they can be put in as a write-in candidate but still have to meet the same burden in write-in votes which puts the AZLP in a conundrum since their Primary is closed, yet the figures that the write-ins have to meet include independents/undeclared. In some areas, it would be mathematically impossible for the write-in to obtain the required number of votes from the pool of registered Libertarians. The AZLP lost its bid for a pre-election injunction, but an Amended Complaint was filed the end of September with an Answer filed on October 20, 2016. Expert reports have been submitted on behalf of the Party.

### **PRIMARIES:**

The AZLP has the choice of a closed or semi-closed primary and has chosen a closed primary.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> A semi-closed primary is one in which registered Democrats must choose a Democratic primary ballot, ditto for Republican, but independents can choose whichever primary ballot they want. In an open primary, each party has its own primary and its own nominees, but on primary day any voter can choose any party's primary ballot. Generally open primary states' voter registration forms don't ask about political party choice. The question is missing. There are 19 open primary states. Most southern states are open primary states.

## MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:

Arizona does not have that distinction, but only has “recognized political party.”

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## Activities

The majority of the party activities are conducted at the county level, particularly the population center of Maricopa County. Petition-gathering events are planned.

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## Finances & Fundraising

The AZLP is in good shape with funds as the prior mailing campaign did not use the entire \$25,000 allotted. The mailer was not particularly successful, and it appears that up to 2/3 of Libertarian primary votes not counted in Maricopa County though this would be difficult to prove. Historically, Libertarian turn-out is roughly equal to the two major parties. In this primary cycle, despite the heightened interest in Libertarian candidates, the turn-out was only 1/3.

The AZLP gets an average of \$1,000 year from a truly voluntary state income-tax return check off in which taxpayers can voluntarily fund a political party that then increases or reduces the amount of taxes owed.

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## Media Coverage

Significant press mentions include:

[http://tucson.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/arizona-supreme-court-upholds-ballot-signature-requirements-law/article\\_34e91323-39ca-5211-9342-59bb82ae9859.html](http://tucson.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/arizona-supreme-court-upholds-ballot-signature-requirements-law/article_34e91323-39ca-5211-9342-59bb82ae9859.html)

<http://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2016/09/24/court-upholds-states-rules-for-alternative-political-parties-to-get-on-the-ballot/>

<http://nevalleynews.org/7190/scottsdale/johnson-weld-offer-voters-another-choice/>

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[https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://www.abc15.com/news/state/political-leaders-say-legalizing-pot-saves-law-enforcement-millions-of-dollars&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTMjUzNzgyNTU1ODEoNzIzNTg3OTIaODdjODI1MWMwYjgzMDkxOTpjb2o6ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNH9mT8E7UE\\_zuzGd7mqEsAGFfbrgQ](https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=http://www.abc15.com/news/state/political-leaders-say-legalizing-pot-saves-law-enforcement-millions-of-dollars&ct=ga&cd=CAEYACoTMjUzNzgyNTU1ODEoNzIzNTg3OTIaODdjODI1MWMwYjgzMDkxOTpjb2o6ZW46VVM&usg=AFQjCNH9mT8E7UE_zuzGd7mqEsAGFfbrgQ)

<https://www.merryjane.com/culture/marijuana-advocates-hope-to-party-on-election-day>

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## Other

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The marijuana bill did not pass, and it will take another two years to get something else on the ballot. Many Libertarians opposed the bill due to the regulatory burdens imposed. Chair Kielskey hopes to focus the Party into doing one thing and doing it well. The future focus is uncertain at this point.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Arizona has more registered Libertarians, more interest, more energy, and more plans for success at the ballot and in the public policy marketplace, than ever before.

-Chair Michael Kielsky

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Jay North (chair@lpcolorador.org)

Vice Chair: Wayne Harlos (vicechair@lpcolorador.org)

Treasurer: John Hjersman (treasurer@lpcolorador.org)

Records: Mike Spalding (recordsdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Membership: Ken Wyble (membershipdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Communications: Caryn Ann Harlos (communicationsdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Outreach: Marie Cochran (outreachdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Regions: Jorge Zogaib (regionsdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Campaigns: Richard Longstreth (campaignsdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Legislative: Michael Stapleton (legislative@lpcolorador.org)

Fundraising: Matthew DiGiallonardo (fundraisingdirector@lpcolorador.org)

Website: <http://www.lpcolorado.org/>

### Office Space

No. Meeting space is provided monthly by The Independence Institute.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	43,804. Up from 32,549 one year prior. This represents 1.13% of the registered voters.
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters.
Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The LPCO has ballot access. The access requirement is 1,000 registered Libertarian voters.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	46 / 26
Estimated Budget	\$10K yearly
Website / Facebook Current?	Page likes are at 15,203. This would place Colorado about 4 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings.
Newsletter?	No. Mailblasts are sent regularly.
Database?	Yes through NationBuilder.
BSM Members	605. This places Colorado at 10 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings.

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## Board Meetings

The Board meets monthly at space offered by The Independence Institute. The meetings are open and streamed live for public viewing. Board reports and documents are available online in an effort to move towards greater transparency and interface with the membership.

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## State Convention

The 2017 Convention has been set for March 24-26, 2017.

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## State Level Membership

State party members are the registered Libertarians. There is no separate membership structure. However the Libertarian registrations have grown over 26% over the past year, outpacing both the Democrats (just over 7%) and the Republicans (4.25%).

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## Sub-Affiliates

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There are 64 counties in Colorado, and a structure of county affiliates and a “pre-affiliate” phase of development group. The LPCO is attempting to have development groups in every county that does not have an affiliate. Affiliates are currently established in Arapahoe, , Boulder, Delta, Douglas (new) and El Paso counties. There are approximately nine Development Groups.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2016)

Twenty-six Libertarian candidates appeared on the ballot as follows, many of whom broke prior Libertarian records:

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 5.09%

John Hjersman (State House District 16): 28.03% in a two-way race

Susan Quilleash (State House District 17): 9.08%

Norman “Paotie” Dawson (State House District 18): 7.43%

Judith Darcy (State House District 20): 5.79%

Mike Seebeck (State House District 21): 31.09% in a two-way race

Matthew Hess (State House District 28): 8.29%

Kim Tavendale (State House District 33): 6.04%

Roy Daktroub (State House District 50): 5.20%

Gilbert Fuller (State House District 54): 22.79% in a two-way race

Kevin Gulbranson (State House District 16): 4.11%

Glenn Ingalls (State House District 60): 6.38%

Joe Johnson (State House District 68): 8.26%

Manuel Quintel (State Senate District 12): 24.44% in a two-way race

Hans Romer (State Senate District 19): 6.13%

Michelle Poague (State Senate District 29): 6.37%

William Stuart Bartley (State Senate District 35): 3.97%

Darrell Dinges (US House District 1): 3.98%

Richard Longstreth (US House District 2): 5.86%

Gaylon Kent (US House District 3): 4.86%

Bruce Griffith (US House District 4): 4.73%

Mike McRedmond (US House District 5): 6.83%

Norm Olsen (US House District 6): 4.94%

Martin Buchanan (US House District 7): 4.68%

Lily Tang Williams (US Senate): 2.55%

Colorado was one of the state in which Gary Johnson's vote totals exceeded the margin between Trump and Clinton. Libertarians also had over 80% electoral participation.

## Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

Feelers are being put out for major candidates for 2018 including Governor. Several Libertarian have indicated that they will be running for non-partisan local races.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

Ballot access is secured with Colorado having the easiest ballot access laws in the country.

### *PRIMARIES:*

With the passage of Propositions 107 and 108 creating semi-closed primaries, the LPCO, as a minor party, can easily opt out though a primary is required when multiple candidates for a single office have significant support at convention.

### *MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:*

The LPCO is a recognized minor political party. Major party recognition requires 10% of the vote in the gubernatorial race.

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## Activities

The LPCO is very active in Outreach events and conducted numerous sign-waving events during the campaign and organized a protest at the State Capitol. Further, this LNC member and Communications Director is involved in a Civil Rights lawsuit against the Secretary of State, State Attorney General, and Denver District Attorney to overturn the "ballot selfie" law as an unconstitutional infringement on the right to political free speech. A temporary injunction was obtained. This suit garnered much publicity for the Party.

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## Finances & Fundraising

A former program of mailers to newly registered Libertarians is on the agenda for future implementation. The LPCO was without a Fundraising Director for many months and is attempting to fire back up an active donor solicitation program.

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## Media Coverage

Significant media coverage included:

<http://gazette.com/libertarians-see-democrat-gop-woes-as-chance-to-shine/article/1580043>

<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/08/18/former-libertarian-presidential-candidate-securities-violations/>

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<http://www.westword.com/news/how-terrible-trump-and-clinton-help-the-libertarian-party-in-colorado-and-beyond-8207966>

<http://thelibertarianrepublic.com/libertarian-senate-colorado/>

<http://thelibertarianrepublic.com/colorado-denies-libertarian-debate-spot/>

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<http://reason.com/blog/2016/08/31/colorado-libertarian-barred-from-senator>

<http://democratlive.com/2016/09/06/clinton-campaign-raised-143-million-in-august/>

<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/09/06/lily-tang-williams-libertarian-candidate-colorados-us-senate-debate/>

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<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/09/10/michael-bennet-darryl-glenn-meet-in-first-debate-for-u-s-senate-seat-at-western-slope-event/>

<http://www.coloradoindependent.com/161165/michael-bennet-darryl-glenn-lily-tang-williams-debate>

<http://www.coloradoindependent.com/161193/lily-tang-williams-arn-menconi-debate>

<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/09/13/purple-state-memo-sept-13-2016/>

<http://www.cortezjournal.com/article/20160914/NEWS01/160919936/County-MancosDolores-face-internet-library-votes>

<http://www.westword.com/news/senate-hopeful-lily-tang-williams-on-libertarian-green-party-town-hall-at-cu-8306576>

<http://www.coloradoindependent.com/161263/colorado-libertarian-green-party-debate>

<http://www.koaa.com/story/33124959/local-libertarian-party-thinks-johnson-stein-have-chance-to-make-other-debates>

<http://www.politifact.com/colorado/statements/2016/sep/19/michael-bennet/bennet-glenn-said-democrats-are-evil-and-hes-tired/>

<https://collegian.com/2016/09/third-party-u-s-senate-candidates-debate-free-college-health-care/>

<http://www.denverpost.com/2016/09/21/purple-state-memo-michael-bennet-darryl-glenn-agree-to-only-1-prime-time-debate/>



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<http://www.coloradoindependent.com/161674/michael-bennet-darryl-glenn-debate>

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<http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/opinion/williams-i-am-not-for-sale/>

<http://www.chieftain.com/news/pueblo/5236586-120/ballots-county-pueblo-office?>

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<http://kdvr.com/2016/10/25/colorado-residents-file-civil-rights-lawsuits-to-overturn-ballot-selfie-law/>

<http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/second-lawsuit-challenging-colorados-ballot-selfie-statute-filed-in-federal-court>

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## Other

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Senate candidate Lily Tang Williams was initially excluded from a debate with Club 20 as registered Libertarians were under 1% of the total registrations; however, just prior to the debate, registrations were pushed over that threshold. Ballot victories included the fact that the single-payer healthcare amendment was soundly defeated and the medical assistance in dying proposition was passed. However, amendment 71 was passed which will make it virtually impossible for alternative voices to petition to amend the Colorado State Constitution. The LPCO is presently assembling an Issues Advocacy Advisory Committee to provide potentials for the Party to concentrate on a few key issues over the next few years to maximize limited resources and partner with established groups already doing work in specified areas. Some potential candidates are alternative voting methods and abolishment of the death penalty.

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## Statement from the Chair

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Colorado did a fantastic job with the elections this year. Gary Johnson earned 7.4% of the votes and with Mike Seebeck earning 31.0%, which is pretty damn high for a Libertarian.

Colorado has been working on changing gears from elections to activism and messaging work and will be leading the pack in making an impact on politics.

As a reminder, **Taxation is Theft!**

-Jay North, Chair

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF HAWAII



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Tracy Ryan, [tracyar@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:tracyar@hawaiiintel.net)

Vice Chair and Big Island Chair: Gregory Arianoff, [info@arianoff.us](mailto:info@arianoff.us)

Treasurer: Kyle Varner, [kylevarner@gmail.com](mailto:kylevarner@gmail.com)

Secretary: Joe Kent

At Large: Alan Yim, Michelle Tippens, Pat Brock (Maui Chair), Eric Weinert ([ericdraheweinert@gmail.com](mailto:ericdraheweinert@gmail.com)), Anthony Higa (Oahu Chair, [anthony.higa.hawaii@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.higa.hawaii@gmail.com))

International Ambassador of Liberty & Goodwill: Ken Schoolland, [ken.schoolland@gmail.com](mailto:ken.schoolland@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.libertarianpartyofhawaii.org>

### Office Space

No.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	83 (BSM members).
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Method of Membership Determination	National Membership BSM.
Partisan Registration?	No.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	<p>The LPHI has ballot access.</p> <p>Hawaii has a unique system. It requires 10% in a statewide race or US House or ~ 750 signatures ( 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% of the number of registered voters), or alternatively, if the Libertarian candidates bring in at least 4% of all the votes cast for state Senate, 4% for state House, or 2% of the votes for state Senate and state House combined. After a party has either met the vote test or petitioned for three elections in a row, then they are automatically on for the next five elections.</p>
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	17 /12
Estimated Budget	\$5K in odd years, and \$8-10K in even years.
Website / Facebook Current?	The website is mostly current and professionally done. The Chair was alerted to outdated areas. Facebook page likes are at 3,487. This would place Hawaii about 26th in the affiliate rankings which is up 13 places since my last report. I had mentored their Facebook volunteer which appears to have paid off.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Yes, but scattered over several locations and formats.
BSM Members	85. This places Hawaii at 41 <sup>st</sup> in the affiliate rankings. This remains unchanged since my last report and up 53.7% over a one year period.

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## Board Meetings

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The geography of an island state makes travel for in-person attendance difficult. The Executive Committee meets about 6 times a year with some members meeting in person at Chair Ryan's home in Honolulu and the rest appearing by Skype.

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set but it will likely be in late Spring or early Fall. Because they are an island state, they are considering having two conventions teleconferenced in together.

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## State Level Membership

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The LPHI has state level membership for dues-payers and life members. There are about 50 members combined in those categories, but they have several hundred lapsed that get back involved periodically. In addition there are 85 BSM members.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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The Libertarian Party of Big Island (Hawaii County) is an active sub-affiliate. Maui County had an active affiliate, but it fell apart, and they are working on getting that going again. They are striving to be competitive in Hilo (settlement in Hawaii County) and Kona (district in Hawaii County).

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2016)

The affiliate provided a comprehensive update to LP News which is included, in part, here.

Several candidates did better than projected, led by Anthony Higa (State Representative, District 19). His 12.9% result in a three-way race was 5 points better than the pre-election projection of 8%. He has now run twice, both times being undermined by the presence of token Republicans in his race. Overcoming the public's entrenched bias to treat Republicans as legitimate challengers and Libertarians as irrelevant has been difficult. With news reporters continuing to promote Republicans as the legitimate opponents of Democrats, even in races where the Libertarian spends more time and money campaigning is a problem that the party must overcome. A similar situation affected first-time candidate Michelle Tippens (8.4%) in the 24<sup>th</sup> State House race. The candidate with the highest percentage of votes was Mike Last (22.2%) in the 5<sup>th</sup> State House district. His budget was under \$100. Only two candidates spent over \$10,000: Higa (12.9%), and Arnold Phillips (16.3%) in the 10<sup>th</sup> State Senate district (in a two-way race).

The party laments the defeat of Republican Sam Slom in his bid for a sixth term in the State Senate. Slom was an active LP member because deciding to join the GOP to help him get into office. Another libertarian-leaning Republican, John Carroll, was defeated in his attempt to become a U.S. Senator; Mike Kokoski, the Libertarian candidate in that race, got just 1.6%.

Anthony Higa (12.9%) and Michelle Tippens (8.4%) both were winners of some of the top state vote percentages in the entire country in races with both Republican and Democrat opponents.

### Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The affiliate wishes to start early recruiting candidates for 2018 and get a jumpstart on fundraising.

## Open Primaries

This came out of Justia in the case of the Democratic Party of Hawaii v. Nago: Civil Rights. The panel affirmed the district court's summary judgment in favor of Scott Nago, in his official capacity as Chief Election Officer of the State of Hawaii, in an action brought by the Democratic Party of Hawaii challenging Hawaii's open primary system on the grounds that allowing registered voters to participate in any party's primary without formally joining or declaring support for that party, severely burdens the Democratic Party's First Amendment associational rights. The panel first noted that the extent to which Hawaii's open primary system burdens the Democratic Party's associational rights is a factual question on which the

Party bore the burden of proof. The panel held that the Party had not developed any evidence to meet this burden. The Party provided no evidence showing a clear and present danger that adherents of opposing parties determine the Democratic Party's nominees. Nor had the Party shown that Hawaii's open primary system causes Democratic candidates to moderate their policy stances. The panel concluded that absent evidence that Hawaii's system affects the Party's ability to select its nominees, the Party's facial challenge failed.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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The vote test requirement is 10% in a statewide race or US House, or alternatively, 4% of all votes cast for state Senate, 4% of all votes cast for State House, or 2% of all votes cast for state Senate and state House combined. Adopting a strategy of attempting the lowest threshold (4% of votes cast in a US Senate races), the total votes for the five candidates in qualifying races was 8,293 out of 135,298 votes across eight races for a percentage of 6.1, enough to retain ballot access for an additional five election cycles, i.e. the next ten years. The affiliate, however, wishes to qualify each time as it grants even greater credibility to the Party.

Hawaii has mandatory open primaries.

### *PRIMARIES:*

Hawaii has a mandatory open primary that the LPHI must participate in.

### *MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:*

Hawaii does not have this distinction but rather simply has recognized political parties.

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## Activities

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During 2016 most of the LPHI's activities are centered around candidate support and fund-raising. They do hold two general meetings per year in different locations to facilitate attendance.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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The affiliate expected to raise up to \$50K for candidate support, but unfortunately that did not happen. The fundraiser planned at the home of Jim Neighbors ended up being more of a meet and greet.

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## Media Coverage

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The LPHI has received good local media coverage. The Honolulu Star Advertiser has a Libertarian on its editorial staff who advocates for coverage of libertarian issues. Chair Ryan participated in a 700-word side-by-side editorial issue column with the other parties. There is also a popular local liberty-friendly online magazine, Civil Beat, that provides regular coverage.

Other coverage included: <http://countercurrentnews.com/2016/03/hawaii-may-become-first-state-us-decriminalize/>

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## Other

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Hawaii leans very Democrat, but not because the people support Democrats, but because they oppose Republicans. The demographic is primarily Asian-American with a solid history of voting Democrat but with views of being socially liberal and fiscally conservative that obviously track libertarian in philosophy. The Green Party is popular but is not doing anything of significance.

The key issues in Hawaii are marijuana legalization and unfunded liabilities that now run in the neighborhood of 19 billion dollars. The marijuana legalization issue deeply affects their agricultural economy and is supported by 70% of the population. Unfortunately the legislature would not even consider legalization in 2016 or cleaning up the dispensary regulations, particularly since sugar and pineapple are no longer viable industries. Other concerns include campaign matching funds (the LPHI wishes to move to a voluntary system), adding NOTA to unopposed candidates, homelessness (a large problem but the LPHI has not reached policy consensus), a proposed rail project (the LPHI has not reached policy consensus), and the Jones Act which puts tremendous economic burdens on the people of Hawaii through rank protectionism which would be ridiculous if applied to passenger air travel.<sup>17</sup>

The prostitution decriminalization efforts are moving slowly. Presently, prostitution convictions can be expunged, but only if the "offender" claims to be a trafficking victim.

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## Statement from the Chair

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The Libertarian Party of Hawaii has made its way through another election with sufficient votes to retain its ballot status. Since it has qualified in three successive electoral periods it will now be on the ballot for another five elections. Lots of work still needs to be done, as despite the success with ballot access none of the candidates in Hawaii received more than 22% of the vote. The immediate goals of the party are to consolidate the growing list of new members with direct contact and meetings around the state. Moving forward into 2017 the party hopes to have some success convincing the Democrat controlled legislature to reform laws on marijuana and sex work. There is also an initiative to replace the State's partial public funding of campaigns with a privately donated neutral fund to serve the same purpose.

-Tracy Ryan, Chair

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<sup>17</sup> See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merchant\\_Marine\\_Act\\_of\\_1920](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merchant_Marine_Act_of_1920) for more information.



# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF KANSAS



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Rob Hodgkinson, [chair@lpks.org](mailto:chair@lpks.org)

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Treasurer: Ric Koehn, [treasurer@lpks.org](mailto:treasurer@lpks.org)

Secretary: Charlotte Underwood, [secretary@lpks.org](mailto:secretary@lpks.org)

1st District Coordinator: Joey Frazier, [dist1@lpks.org](mailto:dist1@lpks.org)

1st District Deputy Coordinator: Mike Wilson, [dist1@lpks.org](mailto:dist1@lpks.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> District Coordinator: Gerret Mentzer, [dist2@lpks.org](mailto:dist2@lpks.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> District Deputy Coordinatory: Vacant

3<sup>rd</sup> District Coordinator: Jeff Caldwell, [dist3@lpks.org](mailto:dist3@lpks.org)

3<sup>rd</sup> District Deputy Coordinatory: Mike Kerner, [dist3@lpks.org](mailto:dist3@lpks.org)

4<sup>th</sup> District Coordinator: Dillon Albin, [dist4@lpks.org](mailto:dist4@lpks.org)

4<sup>th</sup> District Coordinator: Maria Church, [dist4@lpks.org](mailto:dist4@lpks.org)

website: <http://www.lpks.org>

### Office Space

No.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	Approximately 15,500. Up from 13,609 one year prior. This represents .8% of the registered voters.
Method of Membership Determination	Registered voters.
Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The LPKS has ballot access.  The access requirement is 1% of statewide race including president (the Secretary of State has ignored precedent and intent in this interpretation). This threshold was met this year over several races.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	10 / 14
Estimated Budget	\$6K yearly
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is substantially current. Facebook pages likes are at 2,832. This would place it about 34 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is down one ranking since my last report. Mentoring was offered to assist in their page growth including the best practices guide.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Yes, Nationbuilder.
BSM Members	177. This places Kansas at 30 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings. This is down two rankings since my last report and up 43.9% over a one year period.

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## Board Meetings

The Board has quarterly in-person meetings and monthly teleconferences.

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention is tentatively set for the end of April.

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## State Level Membership

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There is no dues-paying structure. Between the 2016 national convention and the presidential election, the number of identified supports on the LPKS.org website increased by 134%, and the number of volunteers increased by 242%. In the past decade in Kansas, membership in the Democratic Party has increased by 2.5%; in the Republican Party, 5.9%; in unaffiliated voters, 23%^; and in the Libertarian Party, 71%. In the past year alone, Libertarian voter registration is up 13.5%.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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There are four congressional districts, each of which has executive committees. There are 105 counties in Kansas, which are unevenly divided between the districts. The 3<sup>rd</sup> District is very active, and there are about eight active county groups. They are working on developing the Libertarians of Northern Kansas (LNK pronounced L-Neck) which is the area that contains the capital city so it is important they are active there.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2016)

They are presently running 14 candidates with Rob Garrard as their US Senate candidate. The US Senate race typically garners between 7-10% of the vote.

The candidate tallies are as follows:

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 4.7%

Robert D. Garrard (US Senate): 6%

Kerry Burt (US Representative): 7%

James Houston Bales (US House): 6.4%

Gorden J. Bakken (US House): 3%

Jason Conley (State Senate): 29%

Michael Kerner (State Senate): 7.2%

Patrick McMurray (State Senate): 24%

John Taube (State House): 6%

Frederick Caleb Christopher (State House): 7%

Joey Frazier (State House): 13%

James Pruden (State House): 8%

## Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

Candidates have been recruited for local city council-level races in 2017, and the larger races in 2018. Chair Hodgkinson would like to run 100 candidates in 2018 to increase exposure to the Libertarian brand.

US House Representative Pompeo is joining the Trump team as CIA Director, causing a Special Election to be scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> District. Since the LPKS does not have major party status, no Libertarian candidate will be able to appear on the ballot for this election unless a petitioning hurdle is overcome, and then such candidate would appear as an Independent.

Governor Brownback is term-limited out this election, and the LPKS intends to run a strong opposition.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

The LPKS has had access since 1992, and between the US Senate and presidential races. This threshold was met this year over several races.

In order to obtain major party status, the LPKS needs to obtain 5% in the gubernatorial election.

### *PRIMARIES:*

There is no Libertarian primary unless they obtain major party status, and at that point, it would be the Party's choice to have an open or closed primary.

### *MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:*

Major party status is achieved by obtaining 5% vote in gubernatorial race.

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## Activities

The LPKS participates in the multi-day (10 days) Kansas State Fair, and multiple local groups have meetings. The 3<sup>rd</sup> District hosts regular meetings as well as the Libertarians of South Central Kansas.

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## Finances & Fundraising

As there is no dues structure, fund-raising efforts involve simply asking for money. Up until 2008, the LPKS had a healthy monthly donor base that fell away, and now Chair Hodgkinson is working on rebuilding that base. They also hold fund-raising events.

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## Media Coverage

Significant media coverage included:

[http://www.hutchnews.com/news/elections/libertarian-burt-trys-to-get-word-out-on-run-for/article\\_65abbecf-f776-5398-b483-9b82fc664450.html](http://www.hutchnews.com/news/elections/libertarian-burt-trys-to-get-word-out-on-run-for/article_65abbecf-f776-5398-b483-9b82fc664450.html)

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[http://www.hutchnews.com/news/local\\_state\\_news/kansas-libertarians-hopeful-for/article\\_ed88efa8-f8f5-5f09-8652-dbf1283af24.html](http://www.hutchnews.com/news/local_state_news/kansas-libertarians-hopeful-for/article_ed88efa8-f8f5-5f09-8652-dbf1283af24.html)

<http://www.kansas.com/opinion/editorials/article99284132.html>

[http://www.dailyprogress.com/kansas-libertarians-hope-election-bolsters-future-prospects/article\\_512c6345-8a00-56b2-a605-6e7fd63d5706.html](http://www.dailyprogress.com/kansas-libertarians-hope-election-bolsters-future-prospects/article_512c6345-8a00-56b2-a605-6e7fd63d5706.html)

<http://www.wibwnewsnow.com/kansas-libertarians-hope-election-bolsters-future-prospects/>

[http://www.hutchnews.com/news/elections/federal-races-anti-incumbency-versus-power-of-incumbency/article\\_f1016865-bfbe-547c-b726-b384d9500132.html](http://www.hutchnews.com/news/elections/federal-races-anti-incumbency-versus-power-of-incumbency/article_f1016865-bfbe-547c-b726-b384d9500132.html)

<http://www.mcphersonsentinel.com/news/20161012/death-penalty-conference-set-for-oct-22>

[http://www.mdjonline.com/neighbor\\_newspapers/extra/news/st-district-house-candidates-troubled-by-economy-education-funding/article\\_dae4eb4c-3b18-55fb-81fc-cc02a4e725ed.html](http://www.mdjonline.com/neighbor_newspapers/extra/news/st-district-house-candidates-troubled-by-economy-education-funding/article_dae4eb4c-3b18-55fb-81fc-cc02a4e725ed.html)

[http://www.hutchnews.com/news/elections/burt-drops-out-endorses-lapolice/article\\_o67e0e53-9339-551e-aa47-df09e5b3cfe6.html](http://www.hutchnews.com/news/elections/burt-drops-out-endorses-lapolice/article_o67e0e53-9339-551e-aa47-df09e5b3cfe6.html)

<http://kcur.org/post/libertarian-vp-nominee-weld-holds-kansas-city-rally#stream/o>

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## Other

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There are no single large issues that the LPKS concentrates on but rather Board members and candidates have their particular interests. Medical marijuana is an ongoing concern. Chair Hodgkinson focuses on eminent domain and civil asset forfeiture.

The Secretary of State is antagonistic to minor parties and is well known for throwing out thousands (even tens of thousands) of registration forms because the applicants didn't attach proper proof of citizenship documentation. There was a dispute over pending registrations which was ultimately decided against the Secretary of State.

The LPKS feels it is important that the National Party conduct a strong candidate recruitment push.

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## Statement from the Chair

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# MONTANA LIBERTARIAN PARTY



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Ron Vandervender, [ron.vandervender@mtlp.org](mailto:ron.vandervender@mtlp.org)

Vice-Chair: Nathan Pierce, [nathan.pierce@mtlp.org](mailto:nathan.pierce@mtlp.org)

Treasurer: Michael Fucci, [micheal.fucci@mtlp.org](mailto:micheal.fucci@mtlp.org)

Secretary: Connor Burns, [connor.burns@mtlp.org](mailto:connor.burns@mtlp.org)

Website: <http://www.mtlp.org>

### Office Space

No.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	74 plus 50.
Method of Membership Determination	National Membership BSM and sign-up (with voluntary dues).
Partisan Registration?	No.

Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The vote test requirement averages out to be 2.8% which can be met by any statewide candidate in about seven races. In this cycle, it turned out to be 12,542 votes needed. Three statewide candidates (Rick Breckenridge-US House Representative, Roger Roots-Secretary of State, and Ted Dunlap-Governor) met this burden.  Montana has mandatory open primaries.
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	7/9
Estimated Budget	In flux as Party is re-organizing.
Website / Facebook Current?	Website is modern and current due to recent efforts. Facebook is generally current but inconsistent. Page likes are at 1,489. This would place it about 38th in the affiliate rankings, up 3 places since my last report. During this transition, the affiliate does not have access to that Facebook page and has started a new one while trying to get control of the former.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Just started.
BSM Members	74. This places Montana at 43 <sup>rd</sup> in the affiliate rankings. This is up 1 place rank since my last report and up 85% over a one-year period.

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## Board Meetings

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This information has been requested. Formal meetings are being organized.

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set.

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## State Level Membership

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The MTLP Bylaws provide for free memberships to those who certify in writing that they oppose the initiation of force to achieve social or political goals, dues are optional.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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This Ravalli County has an active county chapter. Chapters are developing in Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, and Yellowstone. Lewis & Clark and Cascade have some initial interest.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2016)

Montana has a very low legislative filing fee (\$15). The following candidates ran and obtained these results:

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 5.7%

Rick Breckenridge (US House): 3%<sup>18</sup>

Ted Dunlap (Governor): 3.3%

Roger Roots (Secretary of State): 3%

Ian Wheeler (House District 6): 5%

Andrew Forcier (House District 57): 14.97%

Josh Daniels (House District 43): 7.28%

Dick Motta (Senate District 39): 7.02%

Francis Wendt (House District 61): 4.07%

Pual Bonar (House District 84): 3.54%

### Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

They are working on soliciting candidate for the open US House and US Senate seats coming up in 2018. There are also several libertarian-leaning Republicans already in office that are being courted for a Party switch.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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The vote test requirement averages out to be 2.8% which can be met by any statewide candidate in about seven races. In this cycle, it turned out to be 12,542 votes needed. Three statewide candidates (Rick Breckenridge-US House Representative, Roger Roots-Secretary of State, and Ted Dunlap-Governor) met this burden.

#### **PRIMARIES:**

Montana has a mandatory open primary that the MTLP must participate in.

#### **MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:**

Montana does not have that distinction but only qualified political parties.

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## Activities

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<sup>18</sup> Replaced Mike Fellows after his passing.



The affiliate is in re-organization mode but is working rapidly to get back up to speed. Previously, the affiliate participated in booths at the Gallatin County Fair, Yellowstone County Fair, Ravalli County Fair and the Western Montana fair. They also hit the parade route as well with the Heritage Day Parade in Stevensville, Kalispell 4th of July Parade, Kalispell Fair Parade, and the Ravalli County Fair Parade.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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The affiliate is in re-organization mode but has plans for a fundraising push for committed micro-payments on its website.

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## Media Coverage

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Significant press mentions include:

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/local/2016/08/11/vote-candidates-platforms/88573046/>

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/politics/2016/08/18/trump-clinton-challenges-boost-libertarian-party-montana/88907462/>

[http://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article\\_22d99e90-6415-11e6-a20c-5b77bf5318b5.html](http://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article_22d99e90-6415-11e6-a20c-5b77bf5318b5.html)

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/local/2016/09/21/proctor-man-chosen-replace-fellows-libertarians/90805580/>

[http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/ap\\_news/montana/new-us-house-candidate-requires-late-ballot-correction/article\\_7c86f4e7-ed19-5536-a49d-5df52bb8d2a6.html](http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/ap_news/montana/new-us-house-candidate-requires-late-ballot-correction/article_7c86f4e7-ed19-5536-a49d-5df52bb8d2a6.html)

<http://flatheadbeacon.com/2016/09/23/libertarian-power-struggle-emerges-death-candidate/>

[http://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article\\_2ba04738-813c-11e6-a767-2be5027355ac.html](http://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article_2ba04738-813c-11e6-a767-2be5027355ac.html)

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/opinion/tribune-editorials/2016/09/23/citizens-better-schools-highly-misleading-name/90962068/>

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/local/2016/09/23/remembering-libertarian-mike-fellows/90983196/>

[http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/politics/elections/2016/general/libertarian-could-be-a-factor-in-close-race-for-governor/article\\_5f9bf2e5-8e53-59c9-9b5c-bc3d6bfacf95.html](http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/politics/elections/2016/general/libertarian-could-be-a-factor-in-close-race-for-governor/article_5f9bf2e5-8e53-59c9-9b5c-bc3d6bfacf95.html)

[http://helenair.com/news/state-and-regional/republican-zinke-captures-second-term-in-montana-house-race/article\\_1dc7c5f7-1403-5d04-ac08-732e0f804764.html](http://helenair.com/news/state-and-regional/republican-zinke-captures-second-term-in-montana-house-race/article_1dc7c5f7-1403-5d04-ac08-732e0f804764.html)

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## Other

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Long-time MTLP Chair Mike Fellows passed away in September causing a vacuum in the Party which is presently going through a re-organization mode. It was discovered that crucial filings had not been done which was quickly remediated and new interim Bylaws filed with the Secretary of State. They have exploratory plans for a Convention, with their Bylaws allowing for it to be contingent on the later of one year or twenty county chapters forming. It appears that neither Board meetings nor Conventions have taken place in years. The affiliate is struggling to get member involvement in order to rebuild but is working towards that end. I maintain regular contact.

Despite the setback of the death of Mike Fellows, the current officers have been monitoring upcoming legislative issues and potential initiatives so that they can support or oppose as appropriate as their opinion is frequently sought. They intended upon keeping up their strong support and activism for jury nullification/fully-informed juries as Mike Fellows did previously. They will also be putting out regular Press Releases.

The Libertarian National Committee passed this Resolution regarding Mike Fellows:

*Whereas Mike Fellows was a dedicated and accomplished activist for the cause of liberty who gave generously of his time and financial resources, and*

*Whereas Mr. Fellows represented the Montana Libertarian Party with distinction by virtue of his many campaigns for public office, including campaigns for the Montana state legislature, Montana Secretary of State, Montana Supreme Court Clerk, and the U.S. House of Representatives, and*

*Whereas Mr. Fellows served with distinction for many years in positions of leadership in the Libertarian Party, including his service as chair of the Montana Libertarian Party and as an alternate representative on the Libertarian National Committee, and*

*Whereas Mr. Fellows was a man of integrity, wisdom, wit, generosity of spirit, and commitment to the principles of liberty and personal responsibility, therefore*

*Be it resolved that the members of the Libertarian National Committee express our sadness at the passing of Mike Fellows, and that we offer our condolences to his family and friends.*

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## Statement from the Chair

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With the re-organization efforts in Montana, the MT Libertarian Party is now registered with all necessary state agencies and a EIN. There is now four State officers with three others we are working with to be at-large committee member. We do have a bank account and designated phone line. We have been in a member drive and have picked up over fifty members state wide. We have nine counties working to organize county artistes at the moment. Work is done also started in the area of candidates for the 2018 elections. We will have people around the capital during legislative session and be active in measures which come up.

-Ron Vandevender, Chair

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF UTAH



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Andrew McCullough, [chair@libertarianutah.org](mailto:chair@libertarianutah.org)

Vice Chair: David Raine

Treasurer: Chelsea Travis

Secretary: Brian Kamerath

Website: <http://www.libertarianutah.org>

### Office Space

Chair McCullough is a practicing attorney and allows the LPUT the use of conference space in his offices.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

There are no paid staff, but the LPUT has a volunteer Scott Linsley who functions as an Executive Director and has been given a Board vote.

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## At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	13,609. Up from 3,949 from prior report. This represents .8% of the registered voters.
Method of Membership Determination	The LPUT Constitution defines membership as including dues-payers and pledgers to its Statement of Principles, but does not require partisan registration.
Partisan Registration?	Yes.

Ballot Access Status/Requirement	The vote test requirement is 2% of any statewide race. This was met by gubernatorial candidate Brian Kamerath (3.08%) and Attorney General candidate Andrew McCullough (6.73%).
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	11 / 11
Estimated Budget	\$10-12K per year
Website / Facebook Current?	The website is current and professionally done. Facebook page likes are at 2,483. This would place Utah 36 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings. Mentoring was offered to assist in their page growth.
Newsletter?	No, but is in progress.
Database?	Yes, but type unknown.
BSM Members	151. This places Montana at 35 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings. This is up 1 place rank since my last report and up 93.5% over a one-year period.

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## Board Meetings

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There are monthly open meetings.

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set but will likely be in April or May.

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## State Level Membership

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Yes. There are about 250-300 dues-paying members. They have two operational classes of membership: pledged (to their Statement of Principles) dues-payers; and pledgers only. Only pledged dues-payers are eligible to vote in internal Party business at their convention but pledged members can vote on candidate selection.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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The Vice Chair took development of sub-affiliates on as a personal project, and these have been started since the beginning of this year with about six active groups, four of which are actual affiliates, and the other two being in development.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2016)

Eleven Libertarian candidates appeared on the ballot as follows:

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld (Presidential/Vice-President): 3.50%

Brian Kamerath/Barry Evan Short (Governor/Lt. Governor): 3.08%

Andrew McCullough (Attorney General): 6.73%

Craig Bowden (US House, District 1): 5.87%

Jim Dexter (State Senate, District 6): 6.61%

Joe Buchman (State Senate, District 14): 9.4%

Lee Anne Walker (State House, District 46): 23.86%

Chelsea Travis (State House, District 35): 9.44%

Brent Zimmerman (State House, District 16): 8.45%

Chair McCullough broke previous records in his Attorney General run.

### Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The Vice Chair of Ogden County is putting together an informal candidate forum.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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The vote test requirement is 2% of any statewide race. This was met by gubernatorial candidate Brian Kamerath (3.08%) and Attorney General candidate Andrew McCullough (6.73%).

#### *PRIMARIES:*

The LPUT does not participate in the primary system although they could opt in, but rather they nominate through convention, and primaries only become relevant when two candidates get 35% of the vote in a party endorsements meeting.

#### *MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:*

Utah does not have these distinctions but rather has registered political parties and qualified political parties.

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## Activities

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There are monthly social activities and other special events.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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In the Utah state tax laws, taxpayers are offered the opportunity to have a part of their taxes “refunded” in the form of a \$2 donation to a political party of their choice. The LPUT receives up to \$10K a year through this benefit, but the old parties receive a huge windfall. This public funding works very much like the Federal system in that selecting this option does not increase or decrease the amount of taxes owed.

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## Media Coverage

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The big news was the switch of State Senator Mark Madsen from the Republican Party to the Libertarian Party. Other significant media included:

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865659607/Who-is-Gary-Johnson-Some-frustrated-Utah-voters-looking-at-Libertarian-candidate.html?pg=all>

<http://www.ibtimes.com/latest-presidential-polls-gary-johnson-jill-stein-cutting-hillary-clinton-donald-2416866>

[https://www.stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2016/09/21/mgk-modified-debate-features-utah-ag-reyes-and-empty-podium/#.V-QE\\_qIrlzU](https://www.stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2016/09/21/mgk-modified-debate-features-utah-ag-reyes-and-empty-podium/#.V-QE_qIrlzU)

<http://expressobserver.com/2016/10/15/toxic-trump-may-cost-utah-held-by-republicans-since-1964/>

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## Other

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The LPUT does not have particular focus issues though certain candidates do. Medical marijuana is a big topic as well as the fact that Utah is only of only 12 states that tax Social Security income. School choice is also a large concern.

Additionally, there is straight ticket voting in Utah, the only state in Region 1 to have this. Chair McCullough said there is no move to get rid of the straight ticket voting which certainly made a huge difference (negative) in his Attorney General run as the Democrat pretty much said he was dropping out (without officially dropping out) and still got 25.09% of vote though no campaigning done for a few months. The big parties love it too much. There was a bill in the last legislature to get rid of it but it went nowhere.

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## Statement from the Chair

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# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF WASHINGTON



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: David Traynor, David.Traynor@lpwa.org.

Vice Chair: Don Myers, Don.Myers@lpwa.org

Treasurer: Sean Treasure, Sean.Treasure@lpwa.org

Secretary: Katherine Carter, Katherine.Carter@lpwa.org

The LPWA also has seven Regional Directors (Jacob Lamont, Benjamin Judah Phelps, John Brandmair, Adrian Wright, Curtis Hart, Gavin Keefe, James Apker, and Ryan Johnson) and the following divisions: Political, Communications, IT, Outreach, Events, and General Volunteering.

Website: [www.lpwa.org](http://www.lpwa.org)

### Office Space

No.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	594 BSM members, and approximately 320 state Party dues-paying members.
Method of Membership Determination	National Membership BSM and Party Bylaws.

Partisan Registration?	No.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	1,000 signatures. Will become ballot-qualified party if 5% in presidential vote is achieved. (see below)
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	13 /31 (their website does not yet have them all)
Estimated Budget	\$10K yearly
Website / Facebook Current?	Page likes are at 7,413. This would place Washington about 13 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings which is a decrease of one rank since my last report. Some implementation of growth practices would potentially skyrocket this page. I recommended that their page administrators watch my Facebook training video.
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	Yes, CiviCRM
BSM Members	594. This places Washington at 11 <sup>th</sup> in the affiliate rankings. This is up 1 place rank since my last report and up 89.7% over a one-year period.

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## Board Meetings

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The LPWA meets quarterly in person and monthly via teleconference.

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention date(s) have not yet been set but will likely be in April or May. If they obtain major party status in the recount (see "Ballot Access") there will be a business meeting in January to bring their Bylaws into compliance with state requirements for a major party.

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## State Level Membership

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Yes, as defined by the LPWA Bylaws. They have about 230 dues-paying members.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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The LPWA has eight regions (with regional directors mentioned on site) and over ten recognized county parties. They are also working towards the possibility that they will become a major party and will have to account for PCOs (Precinct Committee Officers) and have this coming quickly on-board into place if the vote count is certified over 5%.



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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2016)

The LPWA ran 31 candidates with eleven making it out of the Top Two Primary.

#### Primary Election Analysis and Commentary (from LPWA):

Josh Trumbull<sup>1</sup>. Our Attorney General Candidate has officially received the most votes by a Libertarian in the history of Washington Libertarians in a Primary or General Election. Joshua B. Trumbull (L) has received over 275,000 votes and there are still 250,000 ballots remaining to be counted. Joshua will appear on the November Ballot as a statewide candidate, along with the Johnson/Weld ticket. Please support his campaign to help boost our exposure and his success!

2. Justin Murta, the Libertarian Candidate for State Insurance Commissioner received over 79,000 votes in a three way race, garnering 7.4% of the statewide vote. This was Murta's first campaign, and he received the endorsement of high profile Republican elected officials for the spot.

3. Our US Senate Candidate, Mike Luke, finished 6th in a 17 way race! The race for the US Senate was arguably the most crowded field in an overwhelming wall of names, and this was Mr. Luke's first political campaign. His campaign appealed to over 16,000 voters across the state. Mike ran a clean campaign and we look forward to his next step!

4. Congressional candidates across the state pulled in honorable numbers in similarly crowded races. Scott Stafne, CD1, finished 4th in a field of 5, with 3% of the total. Brian Luke, brother of US Senate candidate Mike Luke, finished 4th in a field of 5 in the CD2 race, with a 3.25% finishing. Krystal McGee ran a last minute campaign against Republican powerhouse Cathy McMorris Rodgers in CD5, his first campaign ever, and finished 5th in a field of 5 with about 2% of the vote. Collectively, these three candidates provided an alternate option on the ballot for over 10,000 Washingtonians who proudly cast their ballots for the LP.

5. Our candidate for the highest executive office, Paul Addis for Lt. Governor, received over 20,000 votes in an eleven candidate race, receiving 2% and beating all non-major party candidates. Mr. Addis ran a campaign for state representative in 2014 and has spent the past two years and two campaigns garnering very positive media attention for the Libertarian Party. He remains as a very positive figure for the face of the party and is an inspiration to those who will follow his lead in carrying the Libertarian banner.

6. In a three party, three candidate race, Mr. Tim Turner received over 63,000 votes for the Secretary of State position. Mr. Turner gained attention across the state on his strong libertarian positions as well as his retro campaign Delorean. Mr. Turner achieved nearly 6% of the vote in what will be the most hotly contested race in this state's general election.

7. Former chairman, Steven Nielson, handed off his gavel to seek the office of Public Lands Commissioner. With 300,000 ballots remaining to be counted, Nielson remains tied for 5th place in a race of 7 candidates, with 51,000 votes and 4.8%. Nielson has been tracking daily results and has noted that his campaign continues to narrow the margin with each round of counting, indicating that late voters (independents and undecided) tended toward the Libertarian campaign at a higher rate than the early voters.

8. There were 21 State Legislative candidates, running for Senate and Representative seats in the Primary Election. Of the 21, ten Libertarians will advance to the General Election. These candidates represented over 56,000 voters across their districts in the state, with more potential gains as the remaining 250,000 ballots are counted over the next several days. These 21 candidates ran a variety of campaigns, from fully active campaigns to paper candidates, buying the ballot real-estate for the party. All candidates and campaign types are equally important to our overall objectives of libertarian

advocacy, political diversity in elections, and attaining major party status in Washington State through the Gary Johnson campaign. The candidates who will not advance deserve our thanks and congratulations. **Those who will be on the general ballot in November deserve our support.** They are the torch bearers representing the political alternative in our state and nation.

Candidate	Votes	Percent	Candidates	Advance?
Apker	4,988	26.59%	2	y
McGlenn	5,199	28.25%	2	y
Delaney	1,573	7.98%	3	n
Foster	4,421	21.69%	2	y
Cooper	3,109	14.14%	3	n
Scott	7,337	26.53%	2	y
Price	3,097	20.99%	2	y
Hels	3,615	22.32%	2	y
Guthrie	1,054	6.13%	4	n
Lyons	767	3.20%	4	n
Frostad	5,163	26.10%	2	y
Hart	581	2.73%	4	n
Schaefer	659	4.14%	3	n
Driscoll	868	4.60%	3	n
Simonson	824	3.64%	3	n
Jordan	426	1.90%	4	n
Lamont	920	3.06%	4	n
Burns	538	1.81%	4	n
Viskovich	3,124	11.72%	2	y
Darnell	4,424	25.55%	2	y
Phelps	3,786	22.06%	2	y
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,473</b>	<b>Advance to General:</b>	<b>10</b>	

The following candidates were left in race:

1. Josh Trumbull for Attorney General (32.84%)
2. James Apker for state senate Wa3 (32.67%)
3. Randy McGlenn for SR-Wa3 (32.69%)

4. Dennis Price for State Senate wa11 (23.65%)
5. Alex Hels for SR-wa21 (27.8%)
6. Michelle Darnell SR-Wa48 (29.87%)
7. Mike Foster Sr-Wa7 (23.13%)
8. Michael Scott for SR-Wa10 (28.04%)
9. John Frostad SrWa-31 (28.4%)
10. Benjamin Phelps SrWa-48 (27.35%)
11. Stephanie Viskovich SRWA-46 (15.12%)

The vote totals are still being certified. Presently Johnson/Weld have over 5% but this may come down during counting and certified of mail-in and absentee ballots. The ultimate difference may come down to as few as 500 votes.

The Attorney General candidate Josh Trumbull got as many as a million votes.

For further details, please see "Statement from the Chair" below.

**Addendum:** As of 11/30/16, the Washington Secretary of State has taken the position that Presidential vote totals are 4.89% due to write-ins, undervotes, and overvotes. The issue with this is that the write-in votes are not legitimate under Washington law, and are not being tabulated, but the number of them is being used to calculate the percentages. Without these, the Johnson ticket would be at 5.01%, and the LPWA would qualify for major party status. The LPWA is considering exploring legal options.

## Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

The LPWA has a goal of 100 candidates to run in 2017 local non-partisan races. They have about 55-60 soft commitments. For 2018 they have likely candidates for all of the Federal races and are working on the State races.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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At the end of June, the LPWA had collected about 800 signatures so far towards their goal of 2,000 signatures (1,000 are required). They have until 7/23/16 to meet this goal. It always remains insecure until accepted since the Secretary of State in reality can invalidate for any reason. One concern is that they do not yet have the signatures of Johnson and Weld for their nominations, and Washington requires that the signatures be before a Washington notary; thus a notary needs to go to them or they need to go to Washington to get this taken care of.

Unless LPWA becomes a major party, they are required to obtain 1,000 signatures in order to petition onto the ballot. Although at the time of this report Johnson and Weld have over 5% of the vote, the mail-in and absentee ballots have yet to be counted/certified, and the Secretary of State has advised these may push that percentage down, so the LPWA is in a waiting game until potentially after December 8, 2016 and are examining their recount legal options.

As Richard Winger noted, Washington should consider lobbying for a lower threshold to become ballot qualified which is presently 5% in the presidential race. The median vote test of the 50 states is only 2%.

### **PRIMARIES:**

Washington is a “top-two” state in which only two candidates make it out of the primaries onto the general ballot.

### **MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:**

In order to obtain qualified party status and have automatic ballot access (as well as other benefits including higher placement on ballots), the LPWA must obtain 5% in the Presidential race. The Washington Secretary of State does not appear to use the distinction of major and minor party status though that is the common parlance.

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## **Activities**

The LPWA plans on participating in Legislative Day at the Capitol in February.

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## **Finances & Fundraising**

The LPWA’s primary source of funding is membership dues and voluntary donations.

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## **Media Coverage**

The Google alerts set up didn’t seem to capture all of the pertinent coverage, but significant media coverage included:

<http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/some-state-republicans-plan-to-bail-on-trump-vote-libertarian/>

<http://www.heraldnet.com/news/libertarian-ag-candidate-homes-in-on-fergusons-weak-spot/>

<http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/third-party-candidates-make-headway-in-washington-state-but-face-steep-odds/>

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## **Other**

The LPWA does not have any specific issues they are focusing on as a party, but candidates have taken up several key issues such as foreclosure fraud, term limits for state legislators, industrialized hemp, as well as cannabis. Washington is so diverse that there are not issues that are common to a majority.

A minimum wage hike was passed as well Initiative 1491 which is an “emergency measure” for temporarily restricting the gun possession rights of persons determined through, amongst other factors, statement of family members that a person is going through a traumatic period and should not have access to firearms.

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## **Statement from the Chair**

With certification of the 2016 election right around the corner, and roughly only 4,000 votes left to cast, let’s take a look at what we brought to 2016.

2016 was a record breaking year for the Libertarian Party of Washington! We saw record vote totals, record candidate participation, record fundraising, campaign events, voter reachout, and great gains race by race for repeat candidates.

While a final number is still pending for the Gary Johnson Campaign in Washington State, certification will be somewhere between 4.70 and 5.01%, and vote totals above 160,000. Obviously finishing above the 5% “magic” major party threshold would be a huge win for the Libertarian Party of Washington, however, any result in that area will be a huge improvement over 2012 totals for Gary Johnson, which show a finish of 1.35% and 42,202 total votes. Pending the SOS’s decision on the

total number of write-ballots we will find out our final weighted percentage. Depending on the final certified results, there are many paths to consider, and regardless of potential legal avenues/actions we may take, know that the Libertarian Party of Washington will be moving forward with an effort to adopt the "Major Party" state structure. This will ensure a greater ability to retain qualified volunteers, as well as enable this organization to be more involved in pro-active vs reactive politics. Stay tuned in the coming months for updates on the progress here.

Joshua Trumbull broke all vote total records for a Libertarian in the State Washington. His campaign for Attorney General netted well over 976,000 votes, good for approx 33% of the ballots in his race. Yes you read that right ladies and gents, we have almost 1 million voters in the state of Washington who are now trained to vote Libertarian. Let's keep them engaged and excited!

Exciting numbers were reached in our 10 Legislative campaigns as well:

In LD3;

James Apker for State Senator received 16,387 votes and roughly 33% of the ballots in his race.

James made fantastic gains from the primary where he received 4,988 ballots for 26.6%.

Gains made from his first run in 2014 were even more encouraging. In 2014 James was able to achieve 20.2% of ballots cast, receiving just over 9,400 votes(in LD7).

Randy McGlenn for State Representative Position 1 received 16,254 votes, also equivalent to roughly 33% of the ballots cast. Randy also made gains over his primary numbers which had him at 5,200 votes, and 28% of the total ballots. Gains made for Randy from 2014 were astounding! In 2014 Randy received 8.1% of the total vote, which was about 1,661 votes.

The results in LD3 are a perfect representation of a trend that I would like you to watch as we go through the rest of the results. Liberty is on the Rise!!

In LD7;

Mike Foster received 14,790 votes, good for 23.1% of votes in his race. This total also showed a gain from primary to general. Primary results for Mike this August were roughly 21% of the vote at 4,400 votes received. Very respectable gains were achieved here over previous Libertarian campaigns.

In LD10;

"The Real" Michael Scott received 18,724 votes, good for 28% of the total. Gains were made from the Primary where he received 26.5% at 7,337 votes, and very impressive gains from 2014 where he posted 23.7% and just over 11k votes. Michael is on the same strong trajectory that will be showing us wins in the next cycle, the tipping point is upon us!

In LD11;

Dennis Price for State Senator received 23.65% of the total at just more than 12,000 votes. Gains from the Primary results at 21% and 3,000 votes roughly.

In LD21;

First time candidate Alex Hels showed his warrior spirit by achieving 27.8% of votes, or 16,616 total votes. Alex improved upon a primary showing of 22% and roughly 3600 total votes. We are all very excited to watch as Alex continues to develop as a candidate, and look forward to any potential opportunities locally for him in 2017.....

In LD31;

John Frostad running for State Representative Pos 1 achieved 28.4% of the vote, or 16,958 total votes. John showed gains from his Primary numbers which had him at 26% and 5,100 votes cast. I would like everyone to reach out and congratulate John on his election totals, as well as his new position, Interim Chair for the Libertarian Party of Pierce County!

In LD46;

Stephanie Heart Viskovich for State Representative Position 1 received roughly 15%, and 11,355 votes; against a very tough, entrenched, opponent. Stephanie was also able to show gains over her numbers in the primary, 11.7% of the vote at 3,100 votes.

In LD48;

Michelle Darnell for State Representative Position 1 received 29.87% of her race, at 16,799 total votes. Michelle built on a 25.5% showing in the primary with 4,424 votes total. Michelle was able to gain in total votes from her 2014 State Senate campaign as a Republican. She received 13,446 votes in LD48 for State Senate against Cyrus Habib. Michelle was able to build the most expansive campaign team of all LPWA candidates this year. This organization should serve to strengthen and prep the 48th for success in the near future!

Benjamin Judah Phelps was running for State Representative Position 2 in the 48th. Ben received 27.4% of total votes in his race, or 15,280 votes. Ben saw great gains, almost 6%, over his primary numbers at 22% and 3,800 votes.

Everyone please, take a moment of your time, and thank a candidate! These folks spent countless hours, as well as their own money, blood, sweat, tears, etc... in order to ensure that no Libertarians vote was wasted. (The only vote wasted is when a Libertarian can't vote for a "L" on their ballot).

I also believe it's important to remember that in 2012, Gary Johnson was the only Libertarian on the ballot in Washington State. Take a moment to consider the vast strides that have been made over the last 4 years. I would ask you to then consider where this trajectory has the potential to take us?

Over the course of the 2016 election season we saw gains elsewhere as well.

- Washington State saw a growth in National Membership of 89%, good for 2nd highest membership growth in our region, behind Utah. We are now jockeying back and forth with Colorado for 9th place in overall membership. The more this number grows, the more influence our state(delegation) will have at National Convention in 2018 and beyond!
- State Party membership growth was near 200%!!!
- We have already recruited just over 200 PCO's. These warriors will be ready to own their Precinct for 2017 local elections.(still looking for 7000ish more! Reach out if you're interested in helping us with our hyper-local focus!)
- The Libertarian Party is supposed to be Fiscally Responsible is it not? Then I would like to point out that our financial situation has improved by 600% over last year.

Once again I would very much like to thank all that have been involved in making 2016 a record breaking year for the Libertarian Party of Washington. I would also like to thank those that were present to lay the foundation of this success in 2015, 2014, and previously.

We must harness the gifts bestowed upon us from this cycle. The gifts of volunteers, finance, knowledge, and momentum. Keep your head held high, we are on the right track.

Visibility for our party has never been higher. Continue to reach out to the Liberty “curious” folks in your life. Consider running for office! 2017 will be another record for LP supported candidates. Keep your voice and messaging positive. There is no reason in the face of all this success to spew negativity.

We have learned a lot from this cycle, as we will learn a lot in the next. If we ran into any shortcomings, it was as we always have found ourselves, work-rich and volunteer-poor. Though I believe this speaks to how we are continually stretching our comfort and ability zones. Next time around we will stretch yet the farther. The systems are in place, they are ready for you to step up!

In the coming weeks look for announcements surrounding several exciting events including the Legislative day at the Capitol, and our 2017 Cascade Liberty Summit. Let’s work together as we shake out the 2016 results. Now is the best time that I can think of to reach out to your local LP County Party and volunteer. If you don’t have a chartered county party yet, who better to create it then you!? Become a PCO, take control of your neighborhood before 2017 gets too busy! Get involved, we need you! [lpwa.org/volunteer](http://lpwa.org/volunteer).

-David Traynor , Chair

# WYOMING LIBERTARIAN PARTY



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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Chair: Dee Cozzens, [RCozzens@aol.com](mailto:RCozzens@aol.com)

Vice Chair/Treasurer: Kit Carson, [cspoa@aol.com](mailto:cspoa@aol.com)

Secretary: Larry Struempf, [wyolibertarian@gmail.com](mailto:wyolibertarian@gmail.com)

Website: <http://wyolibertarianparty.com/>

### Office Space

No.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

No.

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## At a Glance Statistics

Number of Libertarians	1,615 registered voters, up over 600 from about a year previously. This is .67% of the voters, up .17% from the 7/16 Region 1 report.
Method of Membership Determination	Dues-paying registered voters. <sup>19</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> The WYLP Bylaws provide for three classes of voting membership: statutory committeemen, partisan Libertarian candidate in the past two years, or dues-paying registered voters. This number is presently unknown.



Partisan Registration?	Yes.
Ballot Access Status/Requirement	<p>The WYLP has ballot access and earned major party status in 2014 when Kit Carson won over 10% in the secretary of state race.</p> <p>The access requirement is 2% of statewide race. In presidential years this test is limited to just US House. In mid-term years, three offices count towards this test: US House, governor, and secretary of state. This was met by US House Representative candidate Lawrence Struempf (3.6%).</p>
Number of Candidates 2014/2016	4 / 1
Estimated Budget	None at this time
Website / Facebook Current?	<p>Website and Facebook are being revitalized. Facebook is being revitalized. Page likes are at 352. This would place Wyoming 49th in the affiliate ranking, up one since the last report. There is an older page with more likes under "Wyoming Libertarian Party" which has not been updated since 2013, and it is unknown who has admin access. A new page was started for Wyoming earlier this year by Doug Craig. This situation will need to be resolved with the old page closed.</p>
Newsletter?	No.
Database?	No.
BSM Members	39. This places Wyoming at 51 <sup>st</sup> in the affiliate rankings. But they have grown 50% in number.

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## Board Meetings

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The Board meets regularly via conference call.

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## State Convention

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The 2017 Convention dates have not yet been set.

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## State Level Membership

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The WYLP Bylaws do provide for dues-paying state level membership. They presently only have about 4 dues-paying members, though this may have grown in the past few months.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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There are 23 counties in Wyoming with three possible active groups: Laramie (Cheyenne), Natrona (Casper), Uinta (Evanston) with a group potentially starting in Jackson Hole.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2016)

The Wyoming primary takes place on August 16, 2016. There is mandatory participation by the Libertarian Party since earning major party status. Presently there is only one candidate, Larry Struempf, who is running against Republican Liz Cheney (of Dick Cheney fame) for US House of Representatives.

### Upcoming Election Cycle (2017-2018)

They have some candidates on deck to run, but this information is not yet public.

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## Ballot Access and Party Status

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The vote test requirement this race is 2% in a US House race which was met by US House of Representatives candidate Lawrence Struempf (3.6%).

The vote test is limited in presidential years to just US House which must be achieved in order to remain on the ballot. If 10% is achieved, primary status would be retained, otherwise, nominations by convention would resume. In mid-term years, three offices count: US House, Governor, and Secretary of State.

### *PRIMARIES:*

In Wyoming, parties that receive 10% in a qualifying race receive their own primary while other qualified parties nominate by convention. This threshold was met in 2014 for Secretary of State, but was not met this year so the WYLP will be nominating by convention, which is more economical to the taxpayers and didn't really give the Party any advantage at all.

### *MAJOR/MINOR PARTY:*

The Wyoming Secretary of State lists the WYLP as a major political party but this will change as the Party did not obtain 10% for US House, Secretary of State, or Governor, which is the required threshold.

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## Activities

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There is nothing currently planned, but the affiliate is in building/re-building mode.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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Finances are virtually non-existent, and the WYLP is planning on ways to attract dues-paying members. The affiliate is struggling to come back from near-extinction but has a dedicated core.

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## Media Coverage

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Significant media coverage included:

[http://www.wyomingnews.com/news/libertarian-lawrence-struempff-running-for-u-s-house/article\\_25ab3a14-230d-11e6-858c-d38d9274f947.html](http://www.wyomingnews.com/news/libertarian-lawrence-struempff-running-for-u-s-house/article_25ab3a14-230d-11e6-858c-d38d9274f947.html)

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<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/sep/19/wyoming-republicans-agree-to-1-house-debate/>

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[http://trib.com/lawrence-struempff-l-candidate-for-u-s-house-of-representatives/article\\_45eaef35-b82e-52b8-8c26-bceo2ae7bd18.html](http://trib.com/lawrence-struempff-l-candidate-for-u-s-house-of-representatives/article_45eaef35-b82e-52b8-8c26-bceo2ae7bd18.html)

[http://trib.com/ads/housing/house-ad---ad-from/pdfdisplayad\\_b43fd9dc-12b6-5b90-a992-7464009a170a.html](http://trib.com/ads/housing/house-ad---ad-from/pdfdisplayad_b43fd9dc-12b6-5b90-a992-7464009a170a.html)

[http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/news/election/democratic-u-s-house-candidate-receives-another-union-endorsement/article\\_56f87971-4181-56e6-b363-d8465816d898.html](http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/news/election/democratic-u-s-house-candidate-receives-another-union-endorsement/article_56f87971-4181-56e6-b363-d8465816d898.html)

[http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/u-s-house-debate-thursday-in-casper/article\\_oe773984-a581-50f1-b647-6603d7a36984.html](http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/u-s-house-debate-thursday-in-casper/article_oe773984-a581-50f1-b647-6603d7a36984.html)

[http://www.dailyprogress.com/cheney-greene-to-meet-for-only-us-house-race-debate/article\\_1571b6c6-5f84-59d2-9fd6-d1cf6d403006.html](http://www.dailyprogress.com/cheney-greene-to-meet-for-only-us-house-race-debate/article_1571b6c6-5f84-59d2-9fd6-d1cf6d403006.html)

[http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/cheney-and-greene-attack-each-other-s-family-connections-in/article\\_4bc56157-7b7b-52dc-a4c6-b006bc9c956b.html](http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/cheney-and-greene-attack-each-other-s-family-connections-in/article_4bc56157-7b7b-52dc-a4c6-b006bc9c956b.html)

[http://www.wyomingnews.com/news/liz-cheney-ryan-greene-stand-off-in-casper/article\\_f717912c-974f-11e6-af8c-bf1b8be8811c.html](http://www.wyomingnews.com/news/liz-cheney-ryan-greene-stand-off-in-casper/article_f717912c-974f-11e6-af8c-bf1b8be8811c.html)

<http://wyomingpublicmedia.org/post/candidates-argue-over-wyoming-roots-congressional-debate>

<http://www.chadrad.com/newsstory.cfm?story=40456>

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[http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/news/election/national/u-s-house-of-representatives/article\\_666455fd-cea1-53d7-b61c-a7a67089e33a.html](http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/news/election/national/u-s-house-of-representatives/article_666455fd-cea1-53d7-b61c-a7a67089e33a.html)

[http://billingsgazette.com/news/government-and-politics/cheney-takes-early-lead-in-wyoming-s-u-s-house/article\\_60c61ef6-6fcf-5ddf-84ae-aa2d34faff4f.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/government-and-politics/cheney-takes-early-lead-in-wyoming-s-u-s-house/article_60c61ef6-6fcf-5ddf-84ae-aa2d34faff4f.html)

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## Other

The issues that are of unique concern to the WYLP surround environmental issues and government intrusion. The oil, gas, and coal industries are crucial to the economy, and they have suffered from over-regulation and intrusion. This is an area in which the WYLP is planning on garnering attention in advocating for Libertarian solutions. Wyoming has medical marijuana, but does not have legal recreational use at this time.

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## Statement from the Chair

Requested.

## **Region 2 Report**

Submitted by Ed Marsh

TENNESSEE Chair - Jim Tomasik

The 3 candidates endorsed at our State Convention for Federal Office are as follows:  
All were on the ballot as Independents

US REP 6th District David Ross Received 7.1% in a race with a D&R  
US REP 7th District Lenny Ladner Received 4.3% in a race with a D&R

President Johnson/Weld Received 2.8% (70,286 votes) in a race with 5 Independents and a D&R

GEORGIA Chair - Brett Larson

The Libertarian candidate for US Senate Allen Buckley in a 3 way race with a D&R  
received 4.2% (159,914 votes)

The Johnson/Weld ticket received 3.1% (123641 votes)

FLORIDA Chair - Char Lez Braden

US Senate Libertarian candidate Paul Stanton received 2.1% (196,188 votes)

The Johnson/Weld ticket received 2.2% (206,007 votes)

**See the following 18 pages for the Region 3 Report**

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## Region 3 Report



INDIANA



KENTUCKY



MICHIGAN



OHIO

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*Regional Report for Region 3  
Libertarian National Committee Meeting  
December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
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## Region 3 Overview

Region 3 maintained its member-affiliates at the 2016 Libertarian National Convention: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. This Region is comprised of States with similar constituencies and similar approaches to Party growth.

### National Membership for the Region

Three of the four states in the region experienced growth in membership numbers between June 2015 and June 2016.

#### YEAR OVER YEAR NATIONAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

INDIANA MEMBERSHIP UP 73.0%

KENTUCKY MEMBERSHIP UP 76.4%

MICHIGAN MEMBERSHIP UP 81.0%

OHIO MEMBERSHIP UP 59.7%

### November 2015 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	3198	326	11
KENTUCKY	1189	102	32
MICHIGAN	5187	363	10
OHIO	5217	494	5

### November 2016 National Membership Summary

	Total Members	Total Sustaining Members	Sustaining Membership Rank
INDIANA	3514	564	13
KENTUCKY	1305	180	30
MICHIGAN	5516	657	9
OHIO	5685	789	6



# Libertarian Party of Indiana

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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

**State Chair:** Joe Hauptmann ([chair@lpin.org](mailto:chair@lpin.org))

**Vice Chair:** Rodney Benker ([vicechair@lpin.org](mailto:vicechair@lpin.org))

**Treasurer:** Michael Schultheiss ([treasurer@lpin.org](mailto:treasurer@lpin.org))

**Secretary:** Frank Rossa ([secretary@lpin.org](mailto:secretary@lpin.org))

**District 1 Rep:** Kevin Van Linden

**District 2 Rep:** Nick Hamill

**District 3 Rep:** Kristi Avery

**District 4 Rep:** Randy Young

**District 5 Rep:** Greg Noland

**District 6 Rep:** Jesse Riddle

**District 7 Rep:** Brett Bittner

**District 8 Rep:** Lindsay Horn

**District 9 Rep:** Greg Hertzsch

#### *APPOINTED POSITIONS*

**Business Manager:** Alyssa Salgado ([asalgado@lpin.org](mailto:asalgado@lpin.org))

**Communications Director:** Margaret Fette ([outreach@lpin.org](mailto:outreach@lpin.org))

### Office Space

LPIN has office space in Indianapolis at 1111 E. 54<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 158, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

The Libertarian Party of Indiana uses a part-time Business Manager model in conjunction with volunteer efforts. Alyssa Salgado is the current, part-time, paid Business Manager for LPIN.

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## State Level Membership

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LPIN has 564 national and state members. Its state level membership is defined by those who contribute \$25 annually to the National LP.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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LPIN organizes its sub-affiliates by county. It currently has 24 active, affiliated county parties, and 18 inactive, affiliated county parties, and 46 unaffiliated counties.

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## Elections

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### Current Election Cycle (2016)

#### *2016 GENERAL ELECTION*



In total, 45 Libertarians appeared on the ballot in Indiana in partisan races. Hagerstown Judge Susan Bell won re-election to her fifth term. Currently, 8 Libertarians are elected to public office in Indiana.

On the Federal side, the 2016 ticket was led by Governor Gary Johnson and Governor Bill Weld for President and Vice President, respectively. Lucy Brenton represented the party in the race for United States Senate. Nine candidates represented the party for U.S. Congress in all Congressional Districts.

On the state level, the ticket was led by longtime LP activist and contractor Rex Bell for Governor and 2014 Secretary of State Candidate Karl Tatgenhorst served as his running mate for Lt. Governor. The LPIN was represented by 21 candidates for State Senate and House, per their candidate listing on LPIN.org.

You can view the complete list of candidates at <http://lpin.org/2016-candidates/>.

### **2016 INDIANA DEBATE COMMISSION TO INCLUDE LIBERTARIANS IN TELEVISED DEBATES**

Indiana's three gubernatorial candidates appeared in three televised debates this fall through the Indiana Debate Commission. The IDC is made up of most of the major Indiana media outlets insuring consistent coverage of the three televised debates. US Senate candidate Lucy Brenton also participated in one televised debate this fall (which LNC Rep Brett Bittner attended) at WFYI-TV.

### **2016 RAW ELECTION NUMBERS**

*(Numbers based on reporting the Secretary of State, updated December 2, 2016.)*

**US President:** The Johnson/Weld ticket garnered 133,993 votes. This is a 167% increase over Johnson/Gray in 2012 and 358% over Barr/Root in 2008 and a 642% increase over Badnarik/Campagna in 2004. Their percentage was at 4.9%, compared to 1.9% in 2012, Barr/Root at 1.1% in 2008, and Badnarik/Campagna at 0.7% in 2004.

**US Senate:** Lucy Brenton received 149,481 vote, just besting Andrew Horning by 2.9% who received 145,282 votes in 2012, Rebecca Sink-Burris by 58.5%.

**US House Races:** The LPIN's nine candidates combined for 165,160 votes Statewide, LP candidates achieved 6.2% of the total US House vote.

**IN Governor:** Rex Bell, who suffered a stroke about a week before Election Day, earned 3.2% of the vote with 87,025 votes, falling short of Rupert Boneham's 101,868 in 2012. This still bests 2008's efforts by 52%.

Results over the last Decade for Libertarians:

#### **US Senate:**

Osborn 2006: 168,820; 12.6% (2-way)

Sink-Burris 2010: 94,562; 5.4%

Horning 2012: 144,806; 5.8%

Brenton 2016: 149,481; 5.5%

#### **Combined US House** (percentages include all 9 races in each year):

2006: 17,324; 1.0% (2 candidates)

2008: 47,306; 1.8% (5 candidates)

2010: 84,518; 4.8% (9 candidates)

2012: 59,088; 2.4% (5 candidates)

2014: 44,951; 3.4% (8 candidates)

2016: 165,610; 6.2% (9 candidates)

#### **Governor:**



Horning 2008: 57,376; 2.1%  
Boneham 2012: 100,335; 4.0%  
Bell 2016: 87,025; 3.2%

**President:**

Barr 2008: 29,257; 1.1%  
Johnson 2012: 49,194; 1.9%  
Johnson 2016: 133,993; 4.9%

**Auditor:**

Knipe 2010: 78,098; 4.6%  
Schick 2014: 58,269; 4.4%

**SOS:**

Kole 2006: 54,381; 3.3%  
Wherry 2010: 100,847; 5.9%  
Tatgenhorst 2014: 45,341; 3.4%

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## Ballot Access

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### Recent Ballot Access Activity

LPIN has automatic ballot access because they have surpassed 2% in the in the last Secretary of State (SOS) race. This was reaffirmed with the 2014 SOS race, run by Karl Tatgenhorst.

### Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

Ballot access is determined every 4 years by the SOS race results; as long as LPIN continues to reach or surpass the 2% mark it will retain ballot access for another 4 years. No problems are expected with maintaining ballot access in the near future, as LPIN hit 3.4% in the last SOS race.

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## Activities

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### State Level Activities

#### *2017 STATE CONVENTION*

Tropicana Hotel & Casino, Evansville, IN  
May 5-7, 2017

### Local Level Activities

UNKNOWN

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## Finances & Fundraising

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### Current Initiatives

#### *TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENTS*

LPIN is able to hold Texas Hold'em tournaments through the state's charity gaming license program. It is very successful in raising money with these annual events.



### **1994 SOCIETY**

This is the monthly pledge program and it brings in the majority of the income for the party.

### ***LICENSE THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION***

LPIN licenses the Statewide Voter Registration to several data companies for a good profit.

### **Future Initiatives**

UNKNOWN

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## **Information Technology**

LPIN's website is currently running on WordPress with a recently updated template thanks to the work of Andy Burns. There is no consistent use of a Constituent Resource Management (CRM) system for data management, and issues surrounding the 1994 Society transition to the new CRM remain an issue. A recent Central Committee meeting did fund a CRM investment.

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## **Other**

LPIN Vice Chair Rodney Benker notes, "Indiana is going to crush it in 2017 & 18."



# Libertarian Party of Kentucky

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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

Chair: David Capano

Vice Chair: Bryan Short

Treasurer: Matthew Holder

Secretary: Cyrus Eckenberg

### Office Space

LPKY does not currently have any office space or plans to acquire any. Mail can be sent to LPKY at P.O. Box 432, Independence, KY 41051.

### Paid Staff/Contractors

None

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## State Level Membership

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Membership at the state level is represented by the number of people who pay the \$30 annual dues to the state. At this time, the number of state members is unknown to me.

Membership requirements haven't changed since 2009, but the requirements are determined by the state executive committee which, as a body, can change the requirements at will.

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## Sub-Affiliates

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The State of Kentucky does not officially recognize any party structure below the state level, however LPKY is actively working to grow its own sub-affiliates by congressional district and then by county, similar to how the Republicans and Democrats are formed in KY.

There are currently 6 congressional districts in Kentucky, 3 of which (2, 4, & 6) have active LPKY affiliates, 2 which have LPKY groups in the development phase and 1 with no activity yet.

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## Elections

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### Past Election Cycle (2016)

#### *PARTY STATUS CHANGES FROM "POLITICAL GROUP" TO "POLITICAL ORGANIZATION"*

With the Johnson/Weld ticket earning 4.5% of the state's votes for President/Vice President, LPKY is now recognized by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a "Political Organization," with the same petitioning requirements as the Republican and Democratic parties. 53,752 votes were cast for the ticket. This means that ballot access is secured through 2020's election and future status will depend on the 2020 Presidential ticket's outcome.

#### *ONE LIBERTARIAN ELECTED TO PARTISAN OFFICE*

Mitch Rushing – Jefferson County Commission



## Past Election Cycle (2014)

### *TWO LIBERTARIANS ELECTED TO PARTISAN OFFICE*

Shannon Denniston - Magistrate in Montgomery County

Tracy Roberts - Magistrate in Marshall County

### *TWO CANDIDATES BROKE 10% IN A THREE-WAY RACE*

Cristi Kendrick - Boone County Commissioner #2 earned 11.24%

Joseph Redmon - Hardin County Constable #5 earned 12.86%

### *DAVID PATTERSON - US SENATE*

David Patterson **broke the record** for the most votes received by a Libertarian in Kentucky. 44,231 voters chose David Patterson for US Senate.

## Recent Ballot Access Activity

The state of Kentucky defines a “political party” as getting 20% or more in KY the presidential race, a “political organization” as getting 2%-20%, and a “political group” as getting less than 2%.

Ballot access for the organization label is such that signature requirements have now dropped to the same levels as the R’s and D’s, reducing signature gathering time and costs, while most likely increasing the number of candidates who would be willing and able to run on the LP ticket in Kentucky. LPKY is no longer considered a “political group”, and LPKY candidates are no longer required to gather significantly more signatures to get on the ballot than their R & D counterparts.

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## Activities

### State Level Activities

None at this time

### Local Level Activities

None at this time

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## Finances & Fundraising

### Recent Initiatives

No recent initiatives.

### Current Initiatives

No current initiatives.

### Future Initiatives

None planned at this time.

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## Media Coverage

Nothing recent

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## Information Technology

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The current website is running on Drupal for content management and spreadsheets are used to keep track of donors and registered members.

LPKY is currently evaluating the Libertas platform from Big L Solutions.

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## Other

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# Libertarian Party of Michigan

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## State Organization

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### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

**State Chair** – Bill Gelineau, [chair@michiganlp.org](mailto:chair@michiganlp.org)

**Vice Chair** – Kimberly McCurry, [vicechair@michiganlp.org](mailto:vicechair@michiganlp.org)

**Secretary** – Diane Bostow

**Treasurer** – Jason Brandenburg

#### **Libertarian Executive Committee At-large Directors:**

- Gregory Creswell
- Tiffany Hayden
- Jonathan Osment
- Emily Salvette
- Jeff Wood

#### **Judicial Committee:**

- Bill Hall
- Mary Buzuma

#### *APPOINTED POSITIONS*

- Webmaster – Ryan Patrosso
- Political Director – Scotty Bowman
- Membership Coordinator – JJ McCurry
- Media Director – Bradley Hunt

### Office Space

LPM does not currently have any office space or plans to acquire any. Mail can be sent to LPM at P.O. Box 27065, Lansing, MI 48909

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## State Level Membership

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Working on updating this information

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## Sub-Affiliates

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Affiliates are currently being formed by groups of neighboring counties. There are currently a total of 13 sub-affiliates:

- 4 very active
- 4 active



- 4 forming (2 of which are due to new volunteers who have offered to start a local group since the last report)
- 3 inactive

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## Elections

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### Past Election Cycle (2016)

The Johnson/Weld ticket garnered 172,136 votes for 3.59% of the ballot. Johnson/Gray did not appear on the ballot in 2012, yet received 7,774 write-in votes for .16%. 2008's Barr/Root ticket earned 23,716 votes and .47%.

LPMI ran 69 candidates from President to Township Trustee.

#### *SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS*

LP Michigan ran 2 candidates in the 2016 special election for House District 80 and House District 82.

Arnie Davidson received 6.13% of the vote in House District 80.

Tracy Spilker received 4.86% of the vote in House District 82.

The most notable result is State Rep candidate Michael J. Perry who received 13% of the vote in a 3-way race, achieving 4,843 votes.

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## Ballot Access

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### Recent Ballot Access Activity

Major party status achieved by virtue of the 2016 Presidential ticket success.

### Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

See special convention below about changes to bylaws now that major party status has been attained.

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## Activities

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### State Level Activities

#### *2016 SPECIAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCED*

The 2016 Libertarian Party of Michigan special convention has been announced, taking place February 4<sup>th</sup> to Defender of Liberty Awards ("Libbies") have been presented at their annual LibertyFest Banquet to a maximum of six select individuals, Libertarian or otherwise, who have made notable personal efforts in the defense of liberty. Awards are normally presented to Michigan residents.

We granted three Libby Awards at the event to three very deserving Libertarians:

- **Spokesperson for Liberty Award:** Glenn Wilson
- **Promoter of Liberty Award:** Bradley Hunt
- **Producer of Liberty Award:** Raymond Warner

### Local Level Activities

#### *LIBERTY FEST*



Liberty Fest is an annual event in LP Michigan which is held by a different local affiliate each year. The purpose is to recognize dedicated members of LP Michigan. The event includes an award presentation for a Promoter of Liberty, a Defender of Liberty, and a Behind the Scenes Liberty Activist. This is a chance for LP Michigan leaders to congratulate and express their gratitude for the hardest working and most successful members and celebrate recent LP Michigan successes.

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## Finances & Fundraising

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### Past Initiatives

None active

### Current Initiatives

None active

### Future Initiatives

None planned currently

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## Media Coverage

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None listed on the website at this time

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## Information Technology

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LPM currently uses Wordpress as the back-end for its website.

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## Other

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# Libertarian Party of Ohio

## State Organization

### Party Leadership Structure

#### *ELECTED POSITIONS*

Like the Republican and Democrat counterparts in Ohio, the Libertarian Party of Ohio (LPO) is managed by a state Central Committee (CentCom) which is a body of members elected through the formal election primary process.

The CentCom operates like a board of directors which elects the state Executive Committee (ExCom) which runs the day to day operations of the LPO.

After the most recent primary election, the state CentCom elected the following leaders to the ExCom:

- \*\*Chair: **Scott Pettigrew** – [scott.pettigrew@lpo.org](mailto:scott.pettigrew@lpo.org)
- \*\*Vice Chair: Elizabeth Gentner – [elizabeth.gentner@lpo.org](mailto:elizabeth.gentner@lpo.org)
- Secretary: Robert Coogan – [robert.coogan@lpo.org](mailto:robert.coogan@lpo.org)
- Deputy Secretary: Kevin Knedler – [kevin.knedler@lpo.org](mailto:kevin.knedler@lpo.org)
- Treasurer: Linda Comstock – [linda.comstock@lpo.org](mailto:linda.comstock@lpo.org)
- Deputy Treasurer: Christopher Gill - [chris.gill@lpo.org](mailto:chris.gill@lpo.org)
- At-Large: Ann Leech – [ann.leech@lpo.org](mailto:ann.leech@lpo.org)
- At-Large: Christopher Gill - [chris.gill@lpo.org](mailto:chris.gill@lpo.org)
- At-Large: Harold Thomas – [harold.thomas@lpo.org](mailto:harold.thomas@lpo.org)

\*\*Elected at the December 3, 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

#### *APPOINTED POSITIONS*

The LPO bylaws specify a divisional structure for the LPO and allow for the ExCom chair to appoint division directors to lead each division. The LPO believes the divisional structure provides a strong set of leaders, each of whom is focused on an area of expertise and responsibility. With this approach, no one person needs to know or be responsible for too many different activities.

The divisions and appointed leaders are as follows:

- Communication Division – Media Contact: Aaron Harris, Copy Editor: John Fockler
- Field Development Division – Director: Vacant
  - 9 regional liaison positions available (3 currently filled)
- Finance Division – Director: Gregory Pizarro
- IT Division – Director: Vacant
- Political Division – Director: Tricia Sprankle, Deputy Director: Joe Bowersox

### Office Space



The LPO maintains its two-room, fully-functional office of approximately 240 sq. ft. at 2586 Tiller Lane, Suite 2K, Columbus, OH 43231-2265.

## **Paid Staff/Contractors**

The LPO currently has one paid contractor who is paid on a commission basis as Finance Director. The Finance Director is responsible for tracking and soliciting contributions, managing the benefits to the contributors, keeping personal contact with higher level donors, sending thank you cards, planning income-generating events and activities, etc.

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## **State Level Membership**

Nothing submitted

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## **Sub-Affiliates**

Nothing submitted

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## **Elections**

### **Past Election Cycle (2016)**

Due to the ballot access issues in place in Ohio, Gary Johnson was listed as an Independent candidate for President, rather than having the Libertarian Party label. He earned 174,498 votes or 3.17% of the 5,607,641 votes cast. No other LPO candidates appeared on the ballot.

### **Past Election Cycle (2014)**

**Auditor of State:** Bob Bridges – 4.77%, 143363 votes

**Secretary of State:** Kevin Knedler – 4.67%, 141292 votes

**US House District 5:** Eric Eberly – 4.62%, 9344 votes

**US House District 10:** David Harlow – 3.29%, 6605 votes

**US House District 14:** David Macko – 3.72%, 7988 votes

**State House District 19:** Chad Monnin – 8.31%, 3253 votes

**State House District 24:** Mark Noble – 5.08%, 2032 votes

**State House District 31:** Queen Noble – 3.27%, 887 votes

**State House District 57:** Robert Sherwin – 5.31%, 1701 votes

**State House District 62:** Scott Pettigrew – 5.96%, 1918 votes

**State House District 97:** Nelson Roe – 25.28%, 7018 votes

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## **Ballot Access**

### **Recent Ballot Access Activity**

In 2014, Governor candidate Charlie Earl and Attorney General candidate Stephen Linnabary were removed from the ballot by the Secretary of State after petitioning to appear on the November general election ballot. As a result of SB 193



in Ohio, the Governor's race is the ballot test race for maintaining ballot access. Without a candidate, ballot access was not retained. SB 193 set high barriers for alternative parties to get their candidates on the ballot and to retain access once they obtain it. It also bars parties new to the ballot from holding primaries, which under Ohio law is the only way a voter may become recognized as a member of any political party. SB 193 set a threshold of 2% of the vote for governor in the 2014 election for an alternative party to retain access. In future years, that figure would rise to 3% of the vote for president in presidential years or for governor in the years in which that office is elected.

## Upcoming Ballot Access Activity

The LPO is currently petitioning for 2018 party status on the ballot.

Members of the committee that petitioned to place the Johnson/Weld ticket on the ballot filed paperwork with the office of Secretary of State Jon Husted claiming party status and ballot access for the next four years. If successful, this effort will place LPO candidates in 2017 on primary ballots for consideration by the public.

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## Activities

### State Level Activities

#### *2017 CONFERENCE SCHEDULED*

The LPO has scheduled a conference for May 4-5, 2017

#### *ANNUAL LPO CONVENTION (2016)*

In August, the LPO held their 2016 convention.

#### *ANNUAL LPO PICNIC*

The LPO held its annual picnic on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Tiller Lane complex (where its offices are located). The picnic is a family friendly event with plenty of food and drink, and typically features the always popular fundraiser, "pie in the face of your favorite LPO leader." The LPO has also used a "dunk tank for your LPO leaders" as a new fundraiser which also proved financially successful.

### Local Level Activities

#### *COUNTY FAIRS*

The local affiliates had a presence at 5 county fairs (at least), all with very good attendance and successful outreach for new volunteers.

#### *UPCOMING TRAINING AND TEAM BUILDING*

The LPO plans to ramp up its local and regional team meetings with training and team building to continue the upward trend in county affiliate formation and local activism.

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## Finances & Fundraising

Nothing to note

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## Media Coverage

Nothing to note

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## Information Technology

The LPO upgraded their website and database to the Libertas platform in 2013.



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## Other

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Nothing to note



## REGION 5 REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Dec. 5, 2016

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III  
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning activities of the Libertarian Party state affiliates in Region 5 that have occurred since the Las Vegas meeting. I shall provide an updated report at the meeting in Alexandria should additional information become available.

I am pleased to report that I have been able to represent the LP in various ways since the previous LNC meeting. For example, I continue to serve at least once a month as a guest on a two-hour political talk show that airs on weekdays on WINA radio (1070 AM/98.9 FM in Charlottesville, Virginia). Also, I was interviewed on RT TV on Sept. 27 and Oct. 10 on the topic of the Clinton-Trump presidential debates; I appeared on the Nora Firestone Show (WKQA radio in Virginia Beach, Virginia) on Aug. 25 and the Liberty Talk Radio program on Oct. 25. On Nov. 14, I was interviewed by a reporter from the Bulgarian publication Golden Newspaper about the U.S. elections.

On Nov. 4 I was interviewed in Richmond, Virginia by two members of the Election Observation Mission (U.S. elections observers) from the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). On Nov. 6 I represented the LP on a panel discussion of “third party” and independent candidates at a two-day forum sponsored by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the OSCE. (The forum took place in Washington, DC.)

### Delaware

Scott Gesty (gesty4congress@aol.com), chair of the Libertarian Party of Delaware, provided the following report:

First, The party and myself were very active this cycle. I participated in the Jewish Community Center and League of Women Voters debates and feedback was very positive. I also participated in a candidate forum in Wilmington on education before the primary where it was myself against five democrat hopefuls. That was an electric night! I also attended two Candidate Nights in Sussex County and sent an advocate to an event in New Castle.

The party participated in many events, most of which I attended. These included:

- The Wyoming Peach Festival
- The Wings and Wheels Festival
- Apple Scrapple
- And the Sea Witch Festival Halloween Parade in Rehobeth (Which was huge)

Also, the New Castle County LPD held a booth at Newark Day in which our candidate for Governor, Sean Goward was featured.

My campaign did traditional and social media advertising through out the campaign. The week of the election, my ads were playing on four different radio stations up and down the state. On election day, Sean and I spent time with all our candidates at their polling places. That meant being at the very bottom of the state to start ,and ending in my district, 2 miles from the PA border. I'm sure I'm missing some stuff, but this is a pretty good summary.

We of course wished we'd done better, but there were positive results. My 6,400+ votes was the highest ever received by a Libertarian running for Congress in Delaware. Bob Wilson, who ran for State Rep. in my district in a two way race, scored 10% of the vote. Jimmy Brittingham ran in the 39th District for State Rep in a two way race against a Republican (unheard of in Sussex Co.!) doubled his vote total from 2014 and got 9% of the vote. Nadine Frost ran for City Council in Wilmington (the first time we've run anyone for this office) and received 7% of the vote! Sean's numbers for Governor were very respectable given the fact he did little campaigning and had virtually no money.

As for our 2017 convention, I'd like to have it in Q1 or early Q2 but no date as of yet .... I'll let you know the date as soon as I have it.

## District of Columbia

John LaBeaume (jvlab@electiondissection.com) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of the District of Columbia. He reports that the LPDC has achieved “major party” status by virtue of two citywide candidates receiving more than 7,500 votes. This status entitles the LPDC to party registration and primary elections; in addition, the party does not have to petition to place candidates on the ballot.

## Maryland

Bob Johnston (bob.johnston@live.com), chair of the Libertarian Party of Maryland, provided the following report.

Below are the election results for our 2016 candidates:

name	office	vote total	percentage
Gary Johnson	US President	76,400	2.9
Matt Beers	US House 1st	15,149	4.2
Kristin Kasprzak	US House 2nd	13,647	4.5
Ben Krause	US House 4th	5,440	1.8
Jason Summers	US House 5th	10,718	3.0
David Howser	US House 6th	6,575	2.1
Jasen Wunder	US House 8th	6,842	2.0
Susan Gaztanaga	President - City Council	6,118	2.8
Jon Bombach	City Comptroller	26,282	12.5
Leo Dymowski	Baltimore County Circuit Court Judge	91,676	18.8
April Ademiluyi	Prince George's County Circuit Court Judge	125,586	13.4

All of the US House candidates, as well as Jon Bombach, were running for office for the first time.

The Maryland LP needed the presidential candidate to get at least 1% of the vote to retain ballot access for the next two years, which was accomplished. Gary Johnson's vote percentage was the highest in the state for a non-establishment party presidential candidate since Ross Perot in 1996. To retain ballot access past 2018, the 2018 gubernatorial candidate must get at least 1%.

State party membership is 143, as of November 14, 2016.

The Maryland LP has 19,343 registered voters, which is 0.49% of all of the registered voters in the state. This is an increase of 2,724 registered voters at this time last year, and 8,054 since this time in 2012, an increase of 58%.

## **North Carolina**

Brian Irving ([brian@libertypoint.org](mailto:brian@libertypoint.org)), chair of the Libertarian Party of North Carolina, provided the following report:

We Tarheel Libertarians are over the moon following the results of the 2016 election. For the third time a row, the Libertarian Party preserved its ballot access status when Lon Cecil won more than two percent of the vote for governor. The Libertarians are the only party in modern North Carolina history to achieve this, other than the Democrats and Republicans. We achieved another historic first when Gary Johnson earned 2.72 percent of the vote for president.

Less than 5,000 votes separate the Democrat and Republican gubernatorial nominees. Although Democrat Roy Cooper claimed victory, there are still thousands of provisional votes to count. Cecil received more than 20 times that margin, 101,049 votes.

Another example of that impact is the race for Wake County's state House 49. Democrat Cynthia Ball unseated incumbent Republican Gary Pendleton by 852 votes. Libertarian David Ulmer pulled 2,258 votes. This was one of the most expensive General Assembly races in the state.

U.S. Senate candidate Sean Haugh earned the highest number of votes, 165,163 (3.56 percent). Jacki Cole got 130,252 votes (2.85 percent) for lieutenant governor.

## **Pennsylvania**

Shawn House ([lancasterlibertarian@comcast.net](mailto:lancasterlibertarian@comcast.net)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania. I have not received a report from him.

## **Virginia**

Bo Brown ([bocbrown@yahoo.com](mailto:bocbrown@yahoo.com)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of Virginia. I have not received a report from him.

In my capacity as Region 5 representative, I received a request from Jacqueline Mason (LPVA secretary) that the LNC purchase a subscription to Hustle (a mass-texting service) that would be available to

state and local affiliates. She indicated that the Johnson-Weld campaign used the service and found it to be very useful. (She used the service and spoke glowingly about it.) She provided the following information about the service:

Five-minute overview of how it works:

<https://vimeo.com/151729799>

(password is hustle-demo)

Case study of use by the Bernie Sanders campaign:

<https://docsend.com/view/2gd3597>

## **West Virginia**

Michael Wilson ([michael.wilson@lpwv.org](mailto:michael.wilson@lpwv.org)) is the chair of the Libertarian Party of West Virginia. I have not received a report from him.

## CAMPUS ORGANIZING REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Dec. 5, 2016

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III  
Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning efforts to build and support Libertarian campus organizations. I shall provide an updated report at the LNC meeting in Alexandria should additional information become available.

1) I continue to respond to inquiries from people who want information about the LP campus outreach effort. I am pleased to note that it is now unusual when I do not respond within 24 hours of receiving an inquiry.

2) I continue to work with the Advocates for Self-Government to provide material (e.g., “Operation Politically Homeless” kits) to campus organizations. (In the interest of full disclosure, please note that I am the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Advocates. In addition, Region 3 representative Brett Bittner serves as the executive director of the Advocates.)

3) I continue to work with various state and local LP organizations to assist their campus outreach efforts. As mentioned in my previous report, I am reworking some documents to provide to Andy Burns for inclusion on the lpaction.org website. The documents are designed to provide training in the area of campus organizing.

4) I continue to work closely with Students For Liberty to build libertarian groups at high schools and colleges. (I am a member of the Board of Advisors of SFL.) As part of this effort, SFL board members and I have found ways for the LP to use the services available from SFL. We must take care in the ways we work together to avoid jeopardizing SFL’s 501c(3) status.

I gave the opening address at the Students For Liberty regional conference at the University of Virginia on Oct. 8. On Oct. 25 I gave a lecture via Skype to the Students For Liberty group at West Virginia University on the topic of building campus organizations. I anticipate that I shall address the International Students For Liberty Conference in Washington, DC in February. I shall work with LPHQ to organize an outreach effort at the event.

I had the honor of delivering the keynote address at the European Students For Liberty regional conferences in Brno, Czech Republic on Oct. 15 and Sofia, Bulgaria on Oct. 22. Unfortunately, due to my schedule I had to decline several additional invitations to address ESFL conferences. I have been invited to address the European Students For Liberty Conference in Prague, Czech Republic next year.

5) Jason Weinman, National Youth Director for Gary Johnson 2016, contacted me in October in response to inquiries I had sent him. He reported that there were 215 “Tier 1” schools and 249 “Tier 2” schools, along with several hundred high schools and unaffiliated chapters. Tier 1 schools are those which have organized, active chapters; Tier 2 schools are those at which volunteers are present, but there is not an active, recognized organization.

I have requested a list of these organizations and associated contact information; as of yet I have not received this information.

6) In late September I was contacted by Kevin Moore. Mr. Moore informed me that he was helping the LP by ensuring that volunteers are connected to their local party organizations. He indicated that he would copy me on the messages he sends to volunteers who are students. I have subsequently received several such messages.

During the past several months, LPHQ has received several inquiries by e-mail concerning internship opportunities at LP and with state parties. Robert Kraus has responded rapidly to these inquiries.

Allow me to express my appreciation to Mr. Moore and Mr. Kraus for their valuable service in these matters.

7) I continue to work with Young Americans for Liberty on various projects.

8) I serve as a member of the Foundation for Economic Education Faculty Network. I anticipate that I shall have the opportunity to deliver lectures at upcoming FEE seminars.

## INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Submitted to: Libertarian National Committee, Dec. 5, 2016

Submitted by: James W. Lark, III

Region 5 Representative, Libertarian National Committee

International Representative, Libertarian National Committee

This report will provide information concerning my efforts as International Representative to assist the work of libertarian political parties and activists throughout the world.

1) Geoff Neale, chair of the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP) (and former LNC chair), has indicated that the IALP is still having difficulty in finding an appropriate country in which to open a bank account for the organization. He has also indicated that the IALP may conduct a meeting in Europe in 2017. IALP evidently sponsored an exhibitor table at FreedomFest in Las Vegas in July.

2) I had the honor of delivering keynote addresses at European Students For Liberty regional conferences in Brno, Czech Republic on Oct. 15 and Sofia, Bulgaria on Oct. 22. I discussed the Libertarian Party and the U.S. elections in November with several attendees who want to build Libertarian-oriented parties in their own countries. I was interviewed by two Bulgarian publications about the LP and the November elections.

Two of the organizers of the Sofia conference expressed their desire that I return to Bulgaria to meet with Libertarians throughout the country. I shall explore opportunities to arrange for such a return. I have been invited to address the European Students For Liberty Conference in Prague, Czech Republic in March 2017. I anticipate that I shall be able to accept the invitation.

3) I appeared on RT TV on Sept. 27 and Oct. 10 to discuss the Clinton-Trump presidential debates. As noted above, I was interviewed by Bulgarian publications about the U.S. elections.

4) On Nov. 4 I was interviewed in Richmond, Virginia by two members of the Election Observation Mission (U.S. elections observers) from the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). On Nov. 6 I represented the LP on a panel discussion of “third party” and independent candidates at a two-day forum sponsored by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of the OSCE. The forum was held in Washington, DC.

# LNC Region 6 Report for Dec 10-11, 2016

## D.C. Meeting at Alexandria LPHQ

Submitted December 5, 2016 by David Pratt Demarest, LNC Region 6 Representative  
***Libertarians: We Stand for FREEDOM, Nothing More, Nothing Less***

### 1 SUMMARY

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The big news is that Region 6 states have not paused after breaking records in the 2016 election cycle. LP voter registration increases continue to be astounding.

Congratulations to Iowa, LPIA activists and Chair Keith Laube for achieving major party status setting the stage for participation in primaries for the first time in 2018. Be prepared for a rousing state convention on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Jon Boon McNutt, Sean Metz and Greg Baldwin earned our kudos on their LPSOUTHDAKOTA revitalization program, statewide county affiliate campaign and collaboration with Chair Daniel Hayes and the ASC committee on South Dakota efforts to rejoin an LNC region.

Chris Dock, LPMN Chair, relayed news that Minnesota is building on the exciting 2016 LP gains with 2017 initiatives for membership, fundraising, and candidate recruitment and will hold an holiday party next weekend and the 2017 Annual Convention on April 22nd.

Lex Green, LPILLINOIS Chair, provided an update on their candidate recruitment campaign that has generated high interest.

Sean O'Toole, LNC Region 6 Alternate, reports that Missouri has launched an ambitious AuditKC petition to audit the failing Kansas City Water Department.

Roland Riemers, Immediate Past Region 6 Representative, provided an illuminating analysis of 2016 LPNORTHDAKOTA election statistics that we can all learn from.

Joe Kexel, Wisconsin Chair, states that "Libertarians had a great year in Wisconsin compared to 2012. We will continue to work for a limited federal government. Real change begins in households and individuals. Educate yourselves and be the change you want to see in the world."

Nebraska is now the only state with a Libertarian state legislator. Senator Laura Ebke is leading the charge to build the Great Plains Liberty farm team. Scott Zimmerman, LPNE Chair, indicated that the Nebraska has increased voter registration nearly 70% in the past 12 months, multiplied county affiliates nine-fold and is already gearing up for the 2018 election cycle to maintain ballot access and get Laura reelected under the LP banner. I will submit a motion at the appropriate time to help fund Laura's reelection effort with due diligence



requirements well in mind. Nebraska is considering a joint 2017 Libertarian Festival with the help of Iowa and neighboring states.

LNC goals suggested by Region 6 state affiliates:

- Increased LNC due diligence before contributing to candidate campaigns starting with the creation of a Candidate Support Committee
- LNC support for national and local media enhancements to improve LP credibility and get Libertarian candidates elected at all levels starting from the bottom up
- Creation of an LNC Affinity Group Support Committee proposed by Prof. George Phillies
- Continue LNC efforts to support state affiliates that have ongoing ballot access issues
- Support Andy Burns' initiative to regularly email an LNC newsletter detailing best practices and shared content suggestions to state, county and local affiliates and affinity groups

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The Libertarian Party of Illinois has been working on two major fronts: more electoral success in the next election cycle and effective party strategies for the future. Since we are an all-volunteer organization, these challenges often stretch us thin.

With two very strong candidates for statewide office, added to a strong candidate for President, we were able to break vote total records for all three offices. Because of higher turnout than previous years, our percentages did not increase except for President. Claire Ball, Comptroller candidate, earned over 182,000 votes and Kent McMillen, Senate candidate, pulled in 172,000. Presidential candidate Gary Johnson's 204,000 Illinois total was 3.6 times larger than his previous record in 2012, and 3.8% of the vote in Illinois. This success was achieved in spite of all candidates being shut out of all debates within the state. Nationally, Illinois had the fourth highest vote total for Gary Johnson, behind California, Texas and Florida.

The Johnson ticket inspired thousands of new volunteers who staffed a large phone banking service for the campaign. Part of the focus of the State Organizing Committee (SOC) has been to provide volunteer opportunities for this workforce in the months after the election. The SOC is working to build a network of new county chapters and build up the ranks of Precinct Committeemen. Building this grassroots organization will give future candidates more local support, while giving potential volunteers achievable goals. It also helps aspiring candidates to work on campaign skills and build support within their neighborhoods and communities.

Recruiting for candidates at all levels has been ongoing. The interest is high, and we continue to provide guidance and training to get the best candidates and help them run the best campaigns.

***"...the saddest epitaph which can be carved in memory of a vanquished liberty is that it was lost because its possessors failed to stretch for a saving hand while yet there was time." – George Sutherland 1921***

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Keith Laube  
LPIA Chair

#### **Iowa Earns Political Party Status**

Johnson/Weld won 3.8% of the votes in Iowa, which exceeds the 2% of votes needed to be recognized as a full-status political party. Iowans will be able to participate in the 2018 primaries for the first time!

"Voters ask us why they don't hear about Libertarian candidates until late in an election," said Campaigns and Elections Chair James Schneider. "Our candidates have been campaigning for months, but they have not been allowed to file their candidacy papers until August - and often the media and polls do not acknowledge a candidate until papers are filed." As a Political Party, Libertarians will now be able to file for office before primary elections.

A record 24 Libertarian candidates in Iowa won a record 174,866 votes. The following 5 candidates broke Iowa party records for both number of votes received and percent of votes:

Johnson/Weld, President (top of ticket) – 58,893 votes for 3.8%

Charles Aldrich, U.S. Senate – 41,608 votes for 2.7%

Bryan Holder, U.S. Rep (#3) – 15,337 votes for 3.9%

John George, State Senate (#38) – 1,806 votes for 5.9% (record for a 3-way race)

Rick Stewart, County Office (Linn County Sheriff) – 25,567 votes for 26.1%

WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL 2016 ELECTION IN IOWA! Thanks to everyone for your work this year and in past years.

Analyzing several 2016 election results indicate where voters are at regarding casting a vote for a 3rd party or an independent candidate.

General observations: For State House and Senate there were 8 candidates who ran as an independent. 3 of these were in seats where there was a Libertarian candidate and the Libertarian beat the Independent. In the other 5 races without a Libertarian, 2 candidates were in a 2-way race and received 25 and 37% of the vote; and the other 3 candidates were in a 3-way race and received 7 to 15% of the vote. This is basically identical to the results for Libertarian candidate.

State House District 59, Nick Taiber, Libertarian and sitting at-large City Council member for Cedar Falls, ran as an independent received 14.7%.

Story County Supervisor Wayne Clinton (Democrat and sitting supervisor for a few terms) during the primaries decided not to run for re-election, later decided to run as an independent, received 20.9% in a 3-way race

Jasper County:

State House District 29 where Dan Kelley (a 3-term incumbent) did not win the Democratic nomination and ran as a 3rd party called Stand up to Bullies, received 11.3% of vote in a 3-way race.

Keith Laube ran for County Supervisor as a Libertarian and was way more qualified than the 2 opponents, received 8.9% of the vote. The Republican won with 59% of the vote in a previously Democrat county.

Chris Peters a Libertarian who decided to run as a Republican won Jasper County, a previously strong Democrat county.

In 2-way races:

Prior to 2008 we got 10-20% of the vote. Since 2008 we got 20-26% of the vote

In 3-way or more races:

Prior to 2012 we got 1-3.5% of the vote. Since 2012 we got 3.5% to 11%

Conclusions:

The glass ceiling for 3rd party candidates in Iowa is currently about 10 to 15% for a 3-way race and 26% for a 2-way race. We have come a long way and another 10% of the vote will place us in a great position.

If the economy is not good or voters believe they should be doing better, they vote the party in control out of office, regardless of the voter's party affiliation. I believe that 70% of the voters still have a problem voting anything but D or R. This is our current problem. The 70% do not want to chance, risk etc. or throw their vote to an unknown. The first examples above prove this. We also have straight party ticket voting, which is how about 15% Dem and 15% Rep voted in the past.

Goals:

We are very close to 10,000 registered Libertarians in Iowa, up from 2,500 in Jan 2014. The goal we set 2 years ago was to be at 10,000 by Dec 2016. Our goal will be to reach 20,000 registered Libertarians by November 2018.

With Gary Johnson getting more than 2% in Iowa, LPIA will be filing the necessary paperwork so we will be able to participate in the 2018 primaries. One of our goals in the next 18 months should be to focus on increasing the number of registered Libertarians so we have strong numbers going into the 2018 primaries.

Another goal is to get lots of good candidates running, and with a competitor, for the 2018 primaries. This will give registered Libertarians a reason to vote in the primary. We need to use the primary election to get the media more focused on us which will show the 70% of the voters that we are a party and casting a vote for us is OK.

## 4 MINNESOTA

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Chris Dock  
Chair LPMN

As 2016 draws to a close, the Libertarian Party of Minnesota looks back on a year of tremendous progress, incredible effort by our members and volunteers, and an unprecedented level of interest in our party and platform, as people continue to search for a sane alternative to the outdated two-party system.

Cara Schulz, a long-time leader within the LPMN and the chairperson of our annual convention, was elected to Burnsville City Council! We look forward to the great work she will do for her constituents.

All five of our candidates for Minnesota House and Senate received more than 5% of the vote, and our non-partisan candidates all received at least 25% of the vote in their races. While the Johnson/Weld ticket fell short of the 5% we needed to achieve Major Party status in Minnesota, the 3.8% they received represents a significant milestone for us.

We now have a tremendous opportunity to leverage the progress of 2016 into further growth and success. We have begun our 2017 membership, fundraising, and candidate recruitment planning process. In addition to our annual rotation of outreach events, we have two internal events on the calendar for the end of 2016 and early 2017:

LPMN Holiday party – Saturday, December 17, 2016 LPMN 2017 Annual Convention – Saturday, April 22, 2017

As we turn the page on 2016, we look forward to 2017 as the opportunity to continue with our growth as we bring sensible solutions to the issues faced by all Minnesotans.

## 5 MISSOURI

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Bill Slantz  
Chair LPMO

LPMO report provided courtesy of Sean O'Toole, LNC Region 6 Alternate:

Missouri Libertarians were represented in 39 political contests this year including races for four of five statewide offices, US Senate and all eight congressional districts. Libertarians retained ballot access by posting better than 2% in numerous statewide races.

An interesting note from the election is that Johnson/Weld's vote totals exceeded all but those for Secretary of State Candidate Chris Morrill. In 2012, Johnson/Gray trailed all statewide LP candidates by a wide margin. Percentage-wise, the presidential ticket increased its votes from 2012 while the majority of statewide candidates saw lower vote totals this time around.

Kansas City area Libertarians have begun the process of petitioning the Missouri State Auditor to audit the Kansas City Water Services Department. The basis for the petition is increasing prices, declining service and crumbling infrastructure. The group formed a political action committee called AuditKC and began the formal petitioning procedures on Election Day. Signatures will be collected through October 31, 2017.

AuditKC Treasurer and spokesman, Sean O'Toole, reports that interest in the petition is growing as media attention increases. "We are about 6% of the way to our requirement of 10,497 validated signatures. Our focus is now shifting to raising money and soliciting endorsements from community organizations. We plan to put paid petitioners on the street this coming spring and summer," said O'Toole. While the effort has support from voters throughout the political spectrum, the Libertarian Parties of the four counties that are included within Kansas City are prominently listed as the initiators of the petition.

## 6 NEBRASKA

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Scott Zimmerman  
State Chair LPNE

### LPNE Region 6 Update

The Johnson/Weld Presidential ticket earned 4.9% of the votes in Nebraska. Although we did not reach the 5% needed to extend ballot access for another 4 years, the LPNE is still guaranteed ballot access through the 2018 election cycle. We are celebrating a campaign victory by Ben Backus who was elected to the Gering City Council. Ben ran such a sound campaign that his opponent strategically withdrew from the race. Dave Hunt received 42% of the vote for Washington County supervisor and set the example for future Nebraska campaign strategies.

There was an explosion of growth for the Libertarian Party of Nebraska, with a 65.5% increase over 2015's registered Libertarians. We currently have over 11,000 registered Libertarian in Nebraska and those numbers continue to swell. Part of this growth includes the addition of 8 additional County Affiliates in 2016. There are now Libertarian Party County Affiliates in 10% of Nebraska Counties. The LPNE was required to file with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission this year. The party raised over \$5000.00, which shattered previous fundraising results.

Over the next year, the Libertarian Party of Nebraska will continue to recruit county leaders and candidates for the critical 2018 Election Cycle. The LPNE will continue to accelerate our outstanding voter registration gains. Our 2018 goals will focus on maintaining ballot access, pushing a legislative bill for permanent ballot access sponsored by State Senator Laura Ebke, and getting Laura reelected under the LP banner so she can continue building the Great Plains Liberty grassroots farm team.

## 7 NORTH DAKOTA

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Tony Mangnall  
North Dakota Libertarian Party Chair

Additional North Dakota information provided by Roland Riemers, Immediate Past Region 6 Representative from North Dakota:

### 2016 NORTH DAKOTA LIBERTARIAN VOTE

Gary Johnson /Jim Weld for President	6.22% (retained ballot access)
Robert Marquette for US Senate	3.08%
Jack Seaman for US Congress	6.95%
Marty Riske/Joshua Voytek for Governor	3.90%
Eric Olson for Treasurer	7.63%
Tom Skadeland - ND Public Service Commissioner	8.45%
Nick Bata for ND Insurance Commissioner	8.64%
Roland Riemers for State Auditor	22.92%
2014 average ND Libertarian vote	5.84%
2016 average ND Libertarian vote with)	6.4% (without Riemers factored in, and 8.76%
2016 average ND Democratic vote	24%
Johnson for President: 2012 vote	1.62%
2016 vote	6.22% (retained ballot status)

In my own race for Auditor I had run a carefully thought out statewide campaign. My theory was I would get most of the Libertarian votes. Most of the Democratic votes (because no Democrat in the race), and I would get some Republican votes. To me, that made it a very close race between me and the Republican candidate. But, the theory feel apart when Trump and governor candidate Burgum did an outstanding job of getting out the Republican vote and thus swept all opposition aside. None of us really thought that was possible. With the split in the Republican party, it seemed more likely the Republican vote would be way down, not up! Well, so much for careful planning.

I just finished reviewing the county by county votes, and found them interesting. My 23% of the vote in a statewide race as a Libertarian is a record in itself, and shows a Libertarian can be a major contender in North Dakota. This in spite of the fact the news media deliberately went out of their way not to even mention the Auditor race, and when they did they would give glowing remarks about my opponent, and then if I was lucky, they might add in that I was also running.

I actually won in two counties. In Rolette I got 55% of the vote, and in Sioux I made it up to 63.7%. I also beat the Democratic vote for Senator and Governor. And true to my theory, I did win most of the Libertarian and Democratic votes, as well as a small percentage of Republican votes. But there were just too darn many Republicans and they all seemed to have voted.



I also thought I would do great in the Western part of the state, but to my surprise this turned out not to be true. Probably because a lot of the Libertarian oil workers in the oil patch have moved on? So another theory shot down. I would have done better concentrating on the major cities where we tend to do well and get more bang for our advertising buck. Still, I ran a statewide campaign on just \$30,000 which comes out to about 50 cents a vote. But I targeted and timed my efforts and did not waste time traveling the state and not a single yard sign. In fact, I had a small amount of literature made up before the primary and I had zero literature made up for the general election. So, I did everything opposite of the other candidates.

I was somewhat shocked to see Marty (gov) and Robert (US Sen) both below 4% as they were both good candidates, but they were also head to head with the strongest Republican opponents. And in general I think we all did an excellent job this election.

Roland Riemers, former candidate for State Auditor

PS. I will see you at the LNC meeting and party in December.

## **8 SOUTH DAKOTA**

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Sean Metz  
LPSOUTHDAKOTA West River At Large

Summary of the election results and recent party events in South Dakota:

The 2016 Libertarian ticket for president earned 5.6% of the vote in South Dakota with a total of 20,845 votes. In the three high-population western counties, Libertarian vote percentages equaled or exceeded 7%, Lawrence (7.9%), Meade (7.2%) and Pennington (7.0%). Strong support was also registered in the high population eastern counties of Brookings (6.9%) and Minnehaha (6.1%).

The Libertarian Party of South Dakota has been working to set up county affiliates in each of South Dakota's 66 counties. Work since the election has included continuing to encourage volunteers who participated in the presidential campaign to continue their work for the Libertarian cause. Facebook pages are being set up for each of the counties to provide South Dakotans with an online option where they can stay updated on local news and upcoming Libertarian events in their area.

The Libertarian Party of South Dakota looks forward to continuing to grow its grassroots efforts while also working with surrounding states to build a strong Libertarian coalition across the Mountains, Plains, and Midwest!

## 9 WISCONSIN

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Joe Kexel  
Chair LPWI

Information gleaned from LPWI website:

"FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Friday, November 18, 2016  
Contact: Libertarian Party of Wisconsin  
800-236-9236 | info@lpwi.org

For the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin (LPWI) election expectations were high. Politics in this state, in the whole country, have been dominated by these two old parties for a century and a half.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, Wisconsinites showed they are ready for a younger party with roots in the Declaration of Independence that works for a future with more personal liberties and greater economic freedom, secured with a strong national defense.

Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson earned 106,442 votes in Wisconsin, or 3.6 percent of the state's total vote.

State results show that Libertarian candidates in Wisconsin earned a combined 154,383 votes, a significant increase compared with 83,705 in 2012.

Chairman Joseph Kexel stated, "Libertarians did great this year in Wisconsin, look at the results compared to 2012. We will continue to work for a limited federal government. Real change begins in households and individuals. Educate yourselves and be the change you want to see in the world."

Phil Anderson, Libertarian candidate for Senate, garnered 87,291 or 3 percent of the state's votes Tuesday night, the second highest vote total for a Libertarian in Wisconsin.

Anderson stated, "...I extend my deepest admiration and thanks to those thousands of Wisconsinites who helped, in ways large and small, over the last year. You are too many to thank individually, which is good news! Together we have grown the movement, and the party. Thanks so much, and let's keep up the fight!"

The highest percentage of Libertarian votes were cast for Jordan Hansen, candidate for state Assembly district 54. Running solely versus the Democrat incumbent Gordon Hintz, Hansen pulled 30 percent, with 7,682 votes.

APPENDIX P  
REGION 6 REPORT

"This is a libertarian party of Wisconsin record, but well short of victory. I want to thank everyone who helped out on the campaign in some way or supported me during this race. I'm disappointed with the result, but proud of the work we did and introducing Oshkosh to libertarian principles," said Hansen.

House of Representatives congressional candidates received the following votes:

Jason Lebeck vs. incumbent Speaker Paul Ryan in District 1- 7,493 votes- 2.1%

Andy Craig vs. incumbent Gwen Moore in District 4- 32,184 votes- 11.3%

John Arndt vs. incumbent Jim Sensenbrenner in District 5- 15,324 votes- 3.9%

State Assembly candidates received the following votes:

Matthew Bughman vs. incumbent Daniel Reimer- 1,303 votes- 5.4%

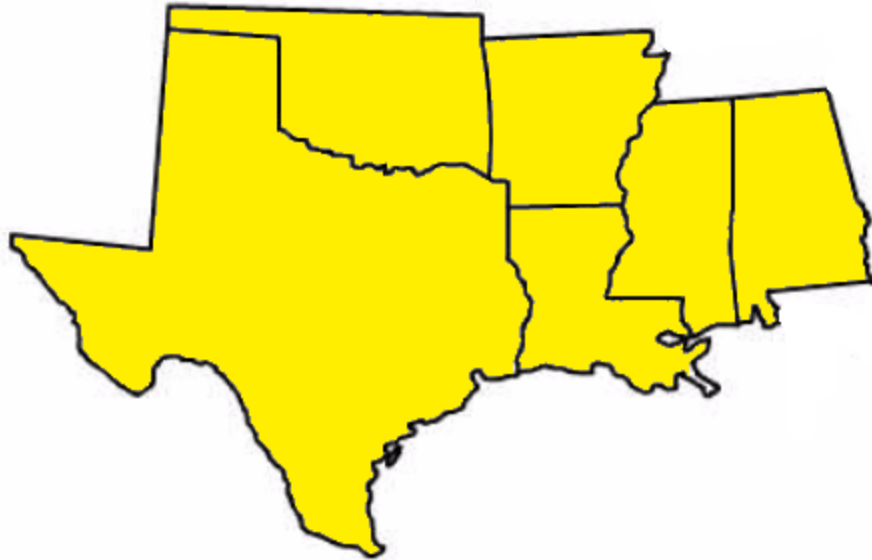
George Meyers vs. incumbent Cory Mason- 3,106 votes- 18.7%

LPWI thanks voters, members, financial contributors, affiliates, news media, and those who campaigned for more self-reliance, prosperity, and peace in 2016. We look forward to building a stronger Libertarian presence in 2017."

**See the following 7 pages for the Region 7 Report**

# Libertarian National Committee Region 7

*Region Representative - Whitney Bilyeu*  
*Region Alternate - Danny Bedwell*



DECEMBER 10, 2016

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

❖ **ALABAMA - Leigh LaChine**

➤ **STATE ORGANIZATION**

- We continue to meet monthly via teleconference.

➤ **STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP**

- We have approximately 300 members, where membership is defined as a minimum \$25 donation, or 5 hours of volunteer time.

➤ **COUNTY NEWS**

- We recently chartered our second county affiliate (Baldwin) which gives the LP of Alabama a presence in Mobile and Huntsville, with the State Party operating out of Birmingham. We are in the process of chartering four additional county affiliates that have appointed a temporary Chair.

➤ **ELECTIONS**

- Johnson/Weld garnered 2.1% of the vote with approximately 44,000 votes. Straight party voting continues to dominate. Approximately 180,000 of the 280,000 votes cast in the largest county, Jefferson, were straight R or D, votes.

➤ **BALLOT ACCESS**

- We have begun 2018 petitioning efforts on a county by county level.  
<https://lpalabama.org/ballot-access/> State Senator Cam Ward appears to again be sponsoring a bill to reduce petitioning requirements.

➤ **ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

- We petitioned many events during election cycle.

➤ **FINANCE & FUNDRAISING**

- Keeping FEC Filing

➤ **MEDIA**

➤ **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- We continue to implement CiviCRM for information requests and membership records.

➤ **OTHER**

- State Convention will be on February 25, 2017.
  - Meadow Creek Farm - 9306 Pulaski Pike - Toney, AL 35773

❖ **ARKANSAS - Michael Pakko**

➤ **STATE ORGANIZATION**

➤ **STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP**

- Dues-paying membership has remained stable, but volunteer sign-ups skyrocketed during the election campaign. We are planning a membership/fund drive to convert new activists and volunteers into full-fledged members.

➤ **COUNTY NEWS**

- Newly organized county affiliates were instrumental in supporting our candidates' campaigns. Building from the base we started in this election season, we should have a strong statewide network for the next elections.

➤ **ELECTIONS**

- On all levels of the ballot, our candidates received significantly higher vote totals and percentages than in 2014 and 2012. Gary Johnson received 29,829 votes (2.64%), up from 16,276 (1.52%) in 2012. Our U.S. Senate candidate, Frank

Gilbert, received 3.96%, up from the 1.92% he got running for Governor in 2014, and up from the 2.03% garnered by our U.S. Senate Candidate in 2014.

- In 3 out of the 4 Congressional races, Libertarians were the only opposition faced by incumbents. In those three races combined, our candidates received 23.78%. Percentages for our candidates in state legislative races were even higher in several cases.

#### ➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- Gary Johnson's 2.64% was insufficient to maintain ballot access in Arkansas, falling short of the 3% requirement. We are already in the initial planning stages for a ballot access petition campaign for the 2018 election. The criterion for ballot-access retention in 2018 will be 3% in the Governor's race. We have a strong candidate already planning and organizing for that race, and our party's resources will be concentrated to support that campaign. Meanwhile, we have put together a draft bill that would ease ballot-access retention requirements in Arkansas in the future, and are seeking a legislative sponsor.

#### ➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

#### ➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

- Donations were up during the election season, though we used some of our reserves for radio advertising in the final days before the election. Mindful of the possibility that we might fail to achieve ballot-access retention, we left most of our accumulated money intact, and received an election-day donation from an affiliated state PAC that topped-off our bank account to its previous peak, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000. That is where we begin for our 2018 ballot access efforts.

#### ➤ MEDIA

- Media coverage was generally good—and improved over previous years. Our brand is becoming more familiar here in Arkansas. With so many races uncontested by the Democrats, Libertarian candidates were positioned well for coverage. Our candidates were included in all five statewide debates on Arkansas public television. It was disappointing that the only state polling conducted by news organizations failed to cover races where Libertarians were the sole opposition candidates.

#### ➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Recent improvements in our database functionality has improved our ability to manage contacts with activists, donors and members. Now that the election is over, we will be working on further upgrades to our website and database.
- We appreciate the continuing ongoing support from Andy Burns.

#### ➤ OTHER

- The latest information we have received from our attorneys on our federal lawsuit is that it is being appealed by the state. We prevailed in principle in District court, and generated some publicity from that, but it is yet to be seen it will translate to meaningful ballot access reform.

### ❖ LOUISIANA - **Rufus Craig**

#### ➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

- Regretfully we announce that our Membership Officer, Wendy Adams has resigned and is moving to Florida. Our loss is Florida's gain.



➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- There are currently 14,158 individuals registered with the LP, which is roughly twice what we had 2 years ago.
- We have approximately 200 dues paying members.

➤ PARISH NEWS

- We have 15 active parish organizations.
- Three of those have over 1500 registered LP voters.

➤ ELECTIONS

- There were 10 Libertarians on our ballots, and they earned between 1.5% and 4% of the vote.
- Johnson/Weld got 1.9% in Louisiana.

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- With some of the most liberal ballot access laws in the US, we only need to maintain 1000 to remain a minor party and run statewide candidates every four years.
- We are qualified for 4 more years due to two LP candidates who ran for US Senate.

➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- We are looking forward to hosting the 2018 National LP Convention. We continue to engage in outreach events statewide, throughout the year..

➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

➤ MEDIA

- We are consistently gaining local media coverage, primarily print outlets in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas.

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Keith Thompson has our backs. IT has been a priority, and we expect to see continued progress. Keith is working on redesigning our website to have the logos align better with National for consistent appearance.

➤ OTHER

❖ MISSISSIPPI - **Aaron Barksdale**

➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

- Aaron Barksdale - Chairman
- Denise Cranford - Vice-Chair
- Sheri Bedwell - Treasurer
- Joshua Hardy - Secretary
- Vance Justice - Dist. 1 Rep
- Jack Gannon - Dist. 2 Rep
- Jon Withers - Dist. 3 Rep
- Jeff Mortenson - Dist. 4 Rep
- Regina Brim - At Large Rep

➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

- Membership increased 20% since Convention/Debate in Feb. 2016.

➤ COUNTY NEWS

- Mississippi is currently courting over 20 candidates to run for municipal office in 2017.

➤ ELECTIONS

- While Mississippi had the lowest turnout out of all the states for the Libertarian Party, they DOUBLED the vote count from 2012. Mississippi had over 14,000 votes cast for Gary Johnson, and over 14,000 cast for Ric McCluskey, who ran against the incumbent Representative for the 4th Congressional District.
- Johnson/Weld got 1.2% in Mississippi.

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- WIDE OPEN. All that is required, at this time, is a letter of intent to run for office for our party, plus a filing fee. That's it! We are the envy of all the states and have historically had the fewest L's on the ballot.

➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- We are currently planning on expanding our involvement with a local craft brewery that has been very friendly and hoping to use that as a springboard for several other similar events in the future at different locations.

➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

- We are doing fine financially but we need more to do more. While we are open to ideas, increasing membership is the driving force at this time.

➤ MEDIA

- There have been some friendly media on our side that has helped get us exposure, much of that was pre-election and we have not reached out to them as we should have since the election.

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- we are working on updating our website but we need to have someone that is capable of doing this on a full-time basis as right now the chairman handles the website by himself.

➤ OTHER

- Nothing else of note except we are looking forward to 2017 and trying to hang on to the momentum that this year's presidential race brought.

❖ OKLAHOMA - Tina Kelly

➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

- Leadership Team
  - Tina Kelly, Chair
  - Bailey Betz, Vice Chair
  - Christina Wright, Secretary
  - Ron Phillips, Treasurer
  - Dax Ewbank, Spokesman
  - Larry Kelly, Technology Coordinator
  - Zachary Knight, Legislative Advisor
  - Jenny Lorrach, Volunteer Coordinator
  - Robert Lorrach, Volunteer Coordinator
- We have had a tremendous surge of interest in the state affiliate and have begun the organization and development of affinity based chapters and regional

organizations. We are holding a statewide "Vision" meeting on December 10th to bring everyone together and set goals for the next two years.

➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

➤ COUNTY NEWS

➤ ELECTIONS

- State election results (15 down ticket candidates): Robert Murphy US Senate- 3%, Sevier White US HD4- 4%, Zachary Knight US HD5 6%, Richard Prawdzienski SD41- 4 %, Frank Grove SD35 - 35%, Erin Adams HD33- 5%, Clark Duffe HD39- 23%, Zac Davis HD67- 4%, Tamara Morton HD70 - 6%, Eugene Bell HD78- 6%, Steve Long HD81 - 7%, Shannon Grimes HD86 - 4%, Elle Collins HD87- 7%, Christina Wright HD100 - 6%, Chris Powell OK County Clerk- 36%

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- 83,334 Oklahomans voted for Governor Gary Johnson giving him 5.74% of the vote in our state. That's more than double the 2.5% needed for the OKLP to maintain official party status for two more years.
- We believe getting 2.5% for governor in 2018 will be easily done.
- We are pursuing sponsors for legislation that will continue to improve our state's ballot access laws.

➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

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- LP Oklahoma Student Chapters
  - The University of Oklahoma
  - Oklahoma State University
  - Tulsa University
  - The University of Central Oklahoma
  - Oklahoma Baptist University
  - Oklahoma City Community College
  - Rogers State University
- Represented at 30+ events since July
- In the coming months, the Oklahoma legislature will be introducing 2-3,000 bills. The OKLP intends to shine a light on each and every one of them through the "Where's The Freedom?" (WTF?) Project. We'll publically support the good bills and fight the bad ones while educating our members about the process and how to access the legislative system.

➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

➤ MEDIA

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- We've recently put together a very talented IT committee that is working wonders with our website situation. They are in contact with Andy Burns about our plans. We will be putting together a media team soon to help us be more consistent in our content creation efforts.

➤ OTHER

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❖ TEXAS - John Wilford

➤ STATE ORGANIZATION

➤ STATE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP

➤ COUNTY NEWS

- LPTexas is expecting a record number of new county affiliates for the 2017 elections. We plan to have half of the 254 counties in Texas organized by the 2018 conventions. We have a great new vetting process for appointing new county chairs, and a clear set of expectations to make our county affiliates stronger and better equipped to advance the cause of liberty.

➤ ELECTIONS

- In this election, our Presidential and Railroad Commissioner vote totals both grew by more than 300%, which means there is a door that is open for us to grow our membership.
- Statewide judicial candidates garnered between 2.9% and 4.1% of the vote.
- Johnson/Weld got 3.2% in Texas.

➤ BALLOT ACCESS

- The Libertarian campaign for Texas Railroad Commission garnered 5.3% of the vote in Texas, nearly half a million votes out of nearly 9 million cast. Though we were obviously running to win, we managed to do well enough to assure ballot access in Texas for 2018. That's a huge victory because it guarantees that the fight for liberty continues without the distraction and cost of a major petition drive.

➤ ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- SLEC meeting - December 17th - Norris Conference Center in Austin
  - 2525 W. Anderson Lane, Suite 365 - Austin, Texas 78757
- There is a proposal to hold a 2017 Convention.

➤ FINANCE & FUNDRAISING

- On behalf of LPTexas and the Mark Miller for Texas Railroad Campaign, Whitney Bilyeu would like to thank the LNC for the \$20,000 contribution to Mark Miller that made ballot access possible. The LNC's donation helped fund our \$50,000 radio buy in key markets across the state. We are highly confident that this radio buy helped push us over the edge for the 5%, which was critical to retaining ballot access. The markets we targeted with the ads were more Democrat strongholds, and we did better in those areas this time around.

➤ MEDIA

- [https://www.texastribune.org/2016/11/09/texas-libertarians-clinch-ballot-access-greens-fal/?utm\\_content=buffer0e086](https://www.texastribune.org/2016/11/09/texas-libertarians-clinch-ballot-access-greens-fal/?utm_content=buffer0e086)
- Six (6) Texas newspapers, all of the most prominent ones, endorsed Mark Miller for TRRC. <https://www.miller4tx.com/endorsements>

➤ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

➤ OTHER

- We are considering a 3-Tiered Legislative Agenda and Action Plan with regard to Election Reform, Health Care Choice, and Property Rights.
- There is interest in organizing a statewide leadership retreat to bring all the County Chairpersons together with LPTexas Officers and Directors.



## Region 8 Report

*Submitted on 12/7/16 by Regional Representative Patrick McKnight*

### **Massachusetts:**

The state party attained “major party” status in the Commonwealth and produced the strongest performance from a Libertarian Congressional Candidate in Massachusetts since Angelo Laudani in 1982.

That performance belonged to western Massachusetts’ Thomas Simmons, who received 8.6% of the vote in a three-way race for the 1st Congressional District of Massachusetts, totaling 27,427 votes. Simmons, a professor at Greenfield Community College, ran on a platform of local education controls, reduced tax burdens, defense of civil liberties, and was even endorsed by the Berniecrat’s candidate guide, a rare feat for a staunch Libertarian. Simmons’ ability to communicate liberty in a way that resonates with the casual Massachusetts voter will prove to be invaluable as the party grows its influence in Massachusetts politics.

With the Johnson-Weld campaign earning 136,784 votes for a 4.2% share of the Massachusetts vote, the Libertarian Party of Massachusetts will have “major party” status through the 2018 cycle. Unlike most states, this makes running Libertarians for most offices more difficult, by shrinking the pool of eligible voters who can sign nomination papers for our candidates. Despite this tactical disadvantage, there is one overriding benefit, perceived legitimacy. Voters will now see "Libertarian Party" on voter registration forms alongside the two old parties. Voters will now have the option to select the "Libertarian" ballot during primary elections. In order to market ourselves as a legitimate threat to the old parties, we must present ourselves as a credible alternative. “Major party” status will do just that.

### **New Hampshire:**

LPNH now has Party status for the first time in 20 years, which means voters will be able to register as Libertarian and the LP will have a primary in 2018 – unless the law changes.

Gary Johnson won 4.2% (30,827 votes). The 2017 State convention is March 18.

We're still awaiting a decision on the case we filed in 2014 regarding the start date for collecting petitions. While this is moot for us in 2018, we still await the ruling as there is no guarantee we'll retain ballot access after 2018.

Concern is that LPNH will be forced to have a primary, thus removing party control over who we run as candidates.

EC was elected September 24. New Chair: Darryl W. Perry (1st term), Vice Chair: Rodger Paxton (former LP Arkansas Chair, 1st term), Secretary: Jillette Jarvis (1st term), Treasurer: Tom Kershaw (re-elected, 2nd or 3rd term), Membership Director: Brian McQuade (1st term)

Concord Monitor ran an article about us getting ballot access:  
<http://www.concordmonitor.com/libertarian-part-ballot-access-5973160>

#### **Maine:**

- 1) Local candidates for city councils and probate judge averaged 18% of vote. Johnson got 5.1% (almost 38,000 votes, 5% in CD 1 & 6% in CD 2)
- 2) No major events but one is now brewing
- 3) We have cloture by Dec. 7 in regards to our federal District court case in regards to ballot restriction.
- 4) Stunningly, 5 days ago, the state forwarded some legislative changes to limit ballot restrictions for LPME. These legislative changes are to be submitted to the federal court. Very, very positive development.
- 5) No need for help or any issues between LPME and national. However, was not impressed with the presidential campaign's blatant lack of respect and communication with our state party. I have been told it was similar, unproductive tactics that occurred in 2012 as well. Suggest future presidential campaigns reconsider the importance of grass root activism. My comments are aimed at the very top; NOT; regional or state directors. Furthermore, a presidential candidate and a vice presidential candidate should be an LP member far longer than a week to become our candidate.
- 6) No leadership changes
- 7) No major media coverage

Other, our humble fb page was reaching up to 193,000 a few days before the election.

#### **Connecticut:**

Gary Johnson won 48,676 votes (3%) . There is a meeting scheduled for 12/14 to plan the 2017 Convention.

### **New Jersey:**

NJLP membership currently stands at 437. This is 110% year on year growth. We currently have 5,391 registered Libertarians. This is also 110% growth from the prior year.

The NJLP put a record 20 candidates on the ballot and received 122,785 votes. This includes Presidential Candidate Gary Johnson who earned a record 72,477 votes in the Garden State (1.9%).

The most successful candidates by percent of vote were local candidates Mike Roche with 24%, followed by Michael Chazukow, Tom Maciejewski and Patrick McKnight with 11% each respectively.

The highest total vote total after Johnson was Pete Rohrman (Bergen County Freeholder) with 7,524 followed by Claudio Belusic (US House 5<sup>th</sup> District) with 6,890 or and Demos Backos (Bergen County Freeholder) with 5,630. Claudio had the highest % of any candidate for US House with 2.2%.

We are 77% larger than the next biggest party (the Green Party at 3,049) making us without a doubt the largest third party in the state of New Jersey.

The NJLP has our annual Holiday Party December 10th at Killarney's in Hamilton. The 2017 NJLP State Convention is March 11th at the Rutgers University Conference Center in New Brunswick. Confirmed speakers include Larry Sharpe, Bob Bowdon and Julie Burkowski.

We're now gearing up for the 2017 statewide elections for Governor, State Senate, and State Assembly. We expect to continue our growth next year and beyond as we advance the cause of liberty.

### **Vermont:**

Gary Johnson - 10,078 votes (3.14%)

Ted Schaft (state house) – 291 (3.32%)

Varpilah Chase (state house) – 845 (8.79%)

Ballot access is maintained.

### **New York:**

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld - 161,836 votes (2.3%)

Alex Merced - Libertarian Line - 43,944 (0.61%)

December 2016 - 456 LPNY paid members, up 127%

5954 active registered Libertarian voters

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We held an in-conference state committee meeting on November 13th at which we appointed a new Temporary County Chairman and replace a TCC. We currently have 17 chapters in NYC. This is an increase of 3 this year. We hope to have more formed shortly. None of our candidate that were on the ballot came close to winning. We had 5 congressional candidates running. None of them made it on the ballot even though two had succeeded in collecting sufficient number of signatures they could not survive the challenge.

It looks like the Board of Elections will receive a visit from the LPNY Chair and at least one of the Vice Chairs. They are continuing to wrongfully record and manage the records for Libertarian voters across the state. Chair hopes to gain the support of the state BoE to resolve these problems that are plaguing the LPNY and the people who want to be affiliated on the books with our party. It would appear that more than 80% of the problems begin at the county level.

Chair doesn't know where this initiative to clean up the BoE records will end up, but once it is clear whether it will be a voluntary clean up, one induced by publicity, or one ordered by the courts.

Without exception that I know of, the LPNY delegation to the convention in Florida was appalled at the outcome. We even participated in some of the shenanigans because that was the custom. We intend to take steps at our end to make our participation in such events impossible. One of the issues we are talking about is the seating of delegates that are not from your state just because your state did not provide enough delegates to fill the delegate slots. For one, the policy makes a mockery of, and is contrary to, the intent of the allocation of delegates as determined by the LNC. The LPNY had people who did not show up and we participated in seating people from other states in our delegation. We found we sat people that their own state refused to have as alternates, they were not honest to us when we vetted them, and the entire process appeared to be a mechanism to allow candidates with money to stack the convention with their supporters (buying rooms, meals, etc. in the hopes that the people they brought down would be seated as delegates in states they do not live in.)

The LPNY is considering passing a bylaws amendment stating that the LPNY cannot seat delegates who do not live in NYS. We will grandfather in those who did live in NYS and subsequently moved out of state. But we will not participate in this fracas in the future.

The LP should consider a bylaws change that prohibits people being seated from other states. If a state cannot get their delegate seats filled, they should forfeit them. Perhaps as an incentive to make sure states fill their seats, come the next convention, cause the state loose 1/2 the number of their delegates seats that were left vacant at the last convention and allocate those seats to the other states right up front. It is ridiculous, and somewhat dishonest to use delegate seats at a convention as a revenue source for the party. It also is a source of nearly mass confusion at the delegate check in desk. Such a policy would simplify their job tremendously.

Many were also appalled at the lack of a credentials check. Many of the standing votes were stacked with un-credentialed interlopers. We did a better job, in fact we did an excellent job, at the convention in Ohio.

In Florida, the doors were wide open!



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Many LPNY members were also appalled in the fact that there was no credentials check of the national candidates that required the candidate to qualify to be a candidate at least 6 months prior to being nominated as a candidate. Weld stated that he just joined the Libertarian party just 11 days earlier and that he had read our platform just a day before the convention. He did say that "it was good". Such a situation was an insult to every short and long term individual in the room. Can't the LP do a better job credentialing candidates and set up a standard they have to meet as a guide for consideration?